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FIRST EDITION.

LOUISIANA.

No Material Change in Affairs.

Packard Orders Militia to be Organized

Nicholls' Militia Sieze Other Offices.

Pinchback Spirits Away Republican Senators.

He Claims to be Master of the Situation.

NEW ORLEANS, January 11.—There is no change reported in the situation this morning, and the orders of General Augur, virtually forbidding any aggressive movements by either party, will doubtless prevent any collision. All eyes are turned to Washington, watching events there.

Packard has commissioned A. S. Badger as Major General of the Louisiana State National Guard, and ordered him to organize the First Division of that body to-day.

The *Republican*, in summing up the situation this morning, admits that if force is to decide the question of supremacy, the Republicans are powerless against their opponents, who, it says, are fully organized, equipped and trained in the use of arms.

It is reported that Captain McGloin's company of Nicholls' militia has taken possession of the offices of the Recorder of Mortgages and Register of Conveyances on Chartres street.

Antoine's friends assert that Pinchback spirited away the four absent Republican Senators, who are on Lake Ponchatrain fishing, and that they will not return except to secure Pinchback's election to the United States Senate. It is doubtful whether an election for Senator will take place to-day, even if a quorum of the joint assembly can be had, which is exceedingly doubtful, and it is understood to be the policy of some members to prevent an election until the present difficulties in regard to the State government is settled.

It is generally conceded that the question turns at present on which of the Supreme Courts is the legal one, and on this subject the authorities at Washington are being fully informed by both sides of the legal issues involved.

Both Governors are being besieged by applicants for office, and their political friends render access to them exceedingly difficult. A crowd of some two hundred, nearly all colored, are around the State House. The streets present no unusual appearance.

John McEnery, who took possession, under appointment from Nicholls, of the office of Recorder of Mortgages, is the late Democratic Governor.

In an interview with General Augur this morning, a *Times* reporter reports him as saying that he thought the muddle here would be quietly and peaceably settled, and that he would not interfere except in case of riot and bloodshed, or in the event of any attempt being made to prevent the Legislature from pursuing its duties. This last signified either the Democratic or Republican Legislature, as afterward explained. I [illegible] nothing of the increase in the police force, and did not deem it of any moment.

2 P. M.—Two members of the Republican House, Barrett, of Rapides, and Kennedy, of St. Charles, are just reported as having withdrawn from that body, and giving their reasons therefor in speeches.

2:45 P. M.—The Republican Legislature had one ballot for United States Senator this afternoon, resulting: Pinchback 30, Antoine 21, Lewis 13, Beattie 12, Anderson 4, scattering 6. The Republican Senate is still without a quorum. One member of the House came in to-day, and that body still has a quorum. Pinchback's friends claim that he is master of the Senatorial situation. No disturbances are reported to-day.

In an interview to-day, Governor Packard stated that he intended to retake the Supreme Court building, but that he would proceed under the forms of law, and would avoid a conflict, which would remain as a cause of bitterness after the recognition of his government, which event he regarded as certain.

Colonel Casey returned to-day, and denies that he has Senatorial aspirations; that the first he knew of his name being connected with the contest was learned here to-day.

The Nicholls Legislature had another ballot for United States Senator to-day, without result. The four Senators who left the State House are said to be at Pinchback's residence to-night, with a guard of Nicholls' police around the house at their request, to prevent their capture by the Sergeant-at-Arms. Barrett and Kennedy, who withdrew from the State House, were admitted to the Odd Fellows' Hall Legislature as members, and gave their reasons for changing. Barrett indignantly denied the statement that money had been offered him, and after denouncing the other body in unmeasured terms, he said he left because he saw his property was being legislated from him. Kennedy asserted that the State House Legislature had passed a number of bills which were never read by a committee. The Nicholls Legislature regards the election of Eustace last year as valid, and will only elect one Senator.

FIRE RECORD.

The Central Hotel and the adjoining building at Long Branch, N. J., were burned yesterday morning. Loss $40,000; insured.

NEWS SUMMARY.

BY TELEGRAPH.

Indications for To-Day.—Rising and higher barometer, brisk and high northerly winds, decidedly colder, cloudy weather, with snow and rain, succeeded by clearer weather.

The steamers California and State of Virginia, from Glasgow, and Hermann, from Bremen, arrived at New York, yesterday.

Governor Hampton, of South Carolina, has appointed special agents for twenty-two counties to collect the ten per cent. of last year's tax levy. The appointments for the remaining ten counties will be made in a few days.

T. & R. Slevin & Cain, wholesale dry goods merchants of Louisville, have gone into bankruptcy. Liabilities $167,970 61; assets $100,314 31; individual liabilities of T. Slevin, $146,000, his assets being $307,000, principally in real estate.

The Portland, Oregon, Board of Trade met on Wednesday and passed resolutions indorsing the bill now before Congress extending the time for completing the Northern Pacific Railroad, and also the bill for the protection of the salmon fishing interest of Columbia river.

The suspension of Sargent Bro.'s & Co., a Boston dry goods house, is announced. Liabilities $167,000; assets stated at $242,000. David A. Patch, a brewer of the same city, has suspended. Liabilities $90,000 unsecued, and $35,000 secured by real estate. His assets are unknown.

At a meeting of the members of the Walnut street Presbyterian church, St. Louis, Rev. Dr. Brooks, pastor, last night, a proposition to sever their connection with the Southern General Assembly and join the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of the United States was carried by a vote of 197 to 21.

The libel suit of Rev. Mr. Robinson, of Louisville, against McKee & Fishback, proprietors of the St. Louis *Democrat*, was closed yesterday by the defendants confessing judgment in the sum of $3,000, and agreeing to pay all costs of the suit, including the attorney's fees of the plaintiff. The original damage asked was $5,000.

A Portland, Oregon, dispatch says regarding the allegation that $8,000 were sent to Oregon from New York to be employed in influencing Grover's action in the recent election muddle, the fact is generally known and admitted that the sum named was sent to Oregon to secure certain political results. Thompson, the lawyer who made the principal argument before the Governor in behalf of issuing the certificate to Cronin, received $3,000 for his services as counsel; Cronin got a similar sum; the remainder was returned. Upon reliable authority neither Grover or Chadwick received a dollar of the money said to have been sent from New York.

The New York Chamber of Commerce yesterday adopted a petition to Congress, reciting that war taxes, heavy and unequal in their burden, are imposed on all the banks and bankers of the country, and have been productive of great injury; that the exigency having passed away, war taxes can be taken off with benefit to the commercial and industrial interests of the country; that persistence in this unequal and special tax must prolong the present period of depression and inactivity; that the present is the proper time for Congress to interfere for the relief of those interests; that the taxes now levied by the General Government on the deposits and capital of banks should be at once repealed, and the subject of bank taxation be remitted to the several States and Territories as before the war.

HARRISBURG.

Proceedings of the Legislature.

Large Number of Bills Introduced.

Republican Caucus Held Last Night.

An Early Adjournment Generally Favored.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

HARRISBURG, Pa., January 11, 1877.

SENATE.

The Senate met at eleven o'clock. Prayer was made by Chaplain Holmes

The following bills were read in place.

By Mr. McNeill, for regulating the working and mining of coal in bituminous coal mines.

By Mr. Dunkle, to promote the culture of silkworms, and to protect fruits, etc., from injurious insects.

By Mr. Cooper, conferring additional powers upon the Councils of the Borough of St. Clair. Also, repealing that portion of the law authorizing and requiring the commissioners of certain counties to pay certain money to agricultural societies of their counties.

By Mr. Roebuck, creating a State Board of Health (bill of last year.)

By Mr. Dunkel, authorizing the appointment of women as prison inspectors.

By. Mr. Allen, a bill regulating proceedings on mortgages upon lands in two or more counties; also, supplement to an act dividing cities into three classes.

By Mr. Jones, ceding jurisdiction to the United States over certain lands in Bucks county to be used for a cemetery; also, a bill relating to investments held by executors, trustees and other fiduciaries.

By Mr. Grady, requiring the mayors of first-class cities to preserve the peace at elections, and prohibiting sheriffs appointing deputies to be present at elections.

By Mr. Gazzam, a bill increasing the jurisdiction of orphans' courts.

By Mr. Holben, requiring common pleas judges to charge juries on particular law points when requested so to do by either party or counsel.

By Mr. Greer, a bill providing for appeals from common pleas courts, in case of applications for opening judgments, entered on warrants of attroney.

By Mr. Reyburn, supplement to the law of 1855 relating to certain duties of husband and wife, and parents and children, when the former are drunken or profligate.

By Mr. Corbett, authorizing money and property to be divised to, or left in charge of the several courts of the State and judges thereof, by will for certain purposes.

The following bills were reported favorably from committees:

By Mr. Yutzy, from the Finance Committee, joint resolution for printing 4,000 copies of the Governor's message.

By Mr. Jones, from the Finance Committee, a bill for a janitor for the basement, with amendment striking out additional pages.

Authorizing the Adjutant General to allow the Dauphin Soldiers' Monument Association to use ordnance for a monument here.

John Jackson, of Harmony, Butler county, was confirmed as a notary public.

Adjourned.

HOUSE.

The House met at eleven o'clock. The Speaker announced the standing committees.

The following bills were read in place:

By Mr. Zern, for the prevention and punishment of cruelty to animals.

By Mr. Carver, Democrat, of Bucks, reenacting the Local Option bill.

By Mr. Rapsher, of Carbon, providing for the relief for counties where riots occurred among the miners; also, providing more efficient authority to quell disturbances; also, providing for a review of criminal cases in the Supreme Court; also, supplement to the act authorizing chattel mortgages.

By Mr. Bell, of Armstrong, separating townships and boroughs from one county and annexing them to others.

By Mr. Wise, of Greene, increasing the homestead of insolvent debtors to six hundred dollars, and preventing waiver; also, requiring justices to render judgment within eight days after hearing evidence.

By Mr. Morgan, of Lawrence, substituting poll tax in lieu of taxes on trades and professions.

By Mr. Chapin, of Erie, a similar bill to the above.

By Mr. Kierstead, of Luzerne, providing for the division of counties having a population of over one hundred and fifty thousand.

By Mr. Jackson, of Mercer, fixing the rate of interest and prohibiting the taking of usury; also, relative to the appearance of defendants after summons for trial; also, proposing amendments to the Constitution.

By Mr. Howe, regulating the pay of county commissioners; also, prescribing the powers and duties of boroughs.

By Mr. Dickey, authorizing the Governor to commission certain officers of Pennsylvania volunteers.

By Mr. Roberts, of Crawford, for the establishment of new counties.

By Mr. Gross, for taxation on bank shares.

By Mr. Fulton, prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors excepting malt and brewed liquors, domestic wines and cider; also, relating to liens of mechanics upon buildings.

By Mr. Bellingsley, giving priority in trial of claims for wages of manual labor.

By Mr. Yeakel, providing for the submission to a vote of the proposition to remove the State capital.

By Mr. Bullard, preventing the sale of merchandise within one mile of any camp meeting.

By Mr. Spang, relating to judgments and stay of executions; also, repealing the act to regulate the execution and transfer of notes given for patent rights.

A number of other bills, local in character, were presented.

Adjourned.

A caucus of Republican Senators and members was held this evening. The session continued for three hours. The members were pledged to secrecy. Resolutions were adopted, the general purport of which was to sustain the principles of the party. The subject of final adjournment was discussed, and it was the almost unanimous view of members that an early adjournment was desirable. It was not deemed prudent, however, in the present state of political affairs, to fix a date. The session is not likely to be prolonged beyond the middle of March.

CRIMES AND CASUALTIES.

W. J. Ludders, a druggist from Stillwater, Minn., took a dose of morphine at his boarding house in St. Louis on Wednesday night, with suicidal intent, and died yesterday morning. Pecuniary difficulties were the cause. He leaves a family at Stillwater.

A plot for the escape of the Mollie Maguires confined in jail at Pottsville, Pa., has been frustrated. James Boyle and Hugh McGhen, under sentence of death, had made extensive preparations for escape, the former having already raised the flooring under his bed.

Perry Neal and brother, living in Kentucky, opposite Evansville, Ind., started to cross for home on the ice last night at eight P. M., and both broke through. Perry held on to the ice for awhile, but was weakened, let go and drowned. The brother was saved by some men from the shore, after clinging to the ice for an hour. The drowned man was intoxicated when he started.

A passenger car on the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad yesterday morning jumped the track near Greenbrier river, West Virginia, and plunged down a forty-five foot embankment to the frozen surface of the river. The ice was firm, and the car did not go through. Seven persons were hurt, not fatally. Mrs. Hall, of White Sulpher Springs, had her leg broken.

It has just transpired that Jacob Behne, a young and well-to-do farmer living near Columbia, Monroe county, Ill., some dozen miles from St. Louis, who died very suddenly on New Year's, was poisoned by his wife, whom he married two years ago, and with whom he lived unhappily. Mrs. Behne is under arrest, and much excitement prevails in the community.

H. B. Barnard, of Albion, N. Y., General Agent of the Syracuse Agricultural Works, was yesterday found dead in the snow four miles south of Jamestown, N. Y., his horse lying on the body. It was caused by a drunken man with a hay rack on a sled running into and not stopping to assist him. Mr. Barnard was a passenger on the last train over the Ashtabula bridge before the accident, intending to return on it, but missed the unfortunate train. He was named three days among the killed.

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XLIV. CONGRESS.

SECOND SESSION.

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 11, 1877.

SENATE.

The Chair laid before the Senate the credentials of Mr. E. H. Rollins, elected as Senator from New Hampshire. Laid on the table. Mr. Edmunds, of Vermont, said no one would question the election of Mr. Rollins, but the certificate did not set forth when the Legislature met. Some time the question might be raised about credentials not setting forth all the facts.

Mr. Morton, from the Committee on Privileges and Elections, submitted a resolution discharging Enos Runyon, of the firm of Martin & Runyon, bankers and brokers of New York, from the custody of the Sergeant-at-Arms, he having answered the questions previously refused. Agreed to.

Mr. Spencer presented a petition of citizens of Alabama in favor of the Government assuming control of the telegraph, and for cheaper telegraphic facilities. Referred.

Mr. Hamlin reported back the House bill to establish certain post routes, and said the committee had considered the disagreement or the two Houses in regard to the fast mail service, and had directed him to report in favor of the Senate insisting upon its amendments, and move that a committee of conference be appointed. Agreed to, and the Chair was authorised to appoint the committee.

Mr. Mitchell gave notice that at an early day he would ask the Senate to consider the bill for the relief of Dr. J. Milton Best, of Kentucky, which had already passed Congress and been vetoed.

Mr. Conkling hoped this bill would not be considered until the Senate should be full, as it was a kind of test case in regard to allowing a certain class of claims growing out of the late war.

Mr. Withers gave notice that if he could get the floor on Tuesday next, he would call up the message of the President in regard to the military occupation of Petersburg on the day of the last general election, and would submit some remarks.

The Chair announced Messrs. Hamlin, Paddock and Maxey as the Conference Committee on the bill to establish certain post routes.

Consideration was resumed of unfinished business, the House bill to perfect the revision of the statutes of the United States. An amendment was adopted requiring ordnance officers and others having charge of ordnance supplies to make quarterly returns.

The bill was then laid aside informally, as Senator Hamlin desired to submit certain amendments in regard to post routes.

The Senate then went into executive session, and when the doors were reopened, adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Mr. Holman's amendment to the Consular and Diplomatic Appropriation bill, decreasing the salaries of ministers and consuls, was defeated by a vote of 59 to 100.

All the amendments were voted down, and the bill passed.

The Military Academy Appropriation bill was taken up and passed without amendment. It appropriates $265,161, a reduction of $129,919 from the estimates and a reduction of $24,904 below the bill of last session. The reduction is principally in the pay department, where $23,150 have been saved by striking out longevity pay, and by not paying assistant professors and teachers any more than their regular army pay; $8,544 was saved in the reduction of the band at West Point, and $1,050 in the item for repairs.

Consent was given for the printing of the testimony taken by the Committee on Elections in Florida.

The joint resolution for the appointment of an international silver commission was considered. Mr. Willard offered as a substitute an amendment authorizing the President, in the event of the full remonetization of silver, should one or more countries unite upon a convention with a view to agree upon the uniform relation of silver with gold, to appoint three persons to attend such convention, and also authorizing him to propose to such countries as use both gold and silver as a legal standard of value such convention. Consideration of the bill then went over till Thursday next.

Mr. Wood, from the Committee on Ways and Means, reported a bill to provide remedies for the over charge of duties on tonnage and imports. The bill passed and the House adjourned.

THE ASHTABULA DISASTER.

Testimony of the Gentleman Who Made the Drawings for the Bridge—He Describes the Weak Points of the Structure.

CLEVELAND, January 11.—The *Leader's* special from Ashtabula says: Joshua Tomlinson was sworn: Reside at Ottawa, Canada; am General Superintendent of light houses in the employ of the Canadian Government; was engaged in bridge building from 1830 to 1870; he made the drawings for the iron Howe truss bridge over Ashtabula creek, the one which has lately fallen; he did this under instructions from Mr. Stone; he never approved of a wrought irog Howe truss over a large span; it makes an unnecessarily heavy bridge, and all the strain accumlates on the end braces; notwithstanding its weight it would have been a strong bridge had the main braces been sufficiently strong; they were not made as large as originally designed, and it was his intention that they should be strengthened, but his connection with the company was severed on account of a difference that arose between himself and Mr. Stone concerning this bridge; he thought that the main braces were the only defective part of the bridge; this was the only defect that he was aware of, except its unnecessary weight; he thinks it would have been an exceedingly strong one had it not been for these defects; Mr. Collins had nothing to do in any way with the bridge; the bridge was calculated to carry a moving load of from two to three tons to the lineal foot; he was dictated to in making his plans for this bridge by Mr. Stone; if the bridge iron had all been good and not wrought, according to the patterns and placed in their proper positions, he thinks the bridge would have been perfectly safe; in the original plan made by Mr. Tomlinson, the main braces were calculated to bear a pressure of four tons to the square inch; he was informed alterations had been made in remodeling the bridge; he thinks that a pressure of four tons to the square inch on these braces would have caused a lateral deflection; he proposed a method of strengthening the defective braces to Mr. Stone, to which he would not listen, and became angry; it was in consequence of this difficulty that he resigned his position; Mr. Tomlinson never had any anxiety except about the braces; he don't think a better set of rods or cords were ever put into a bridge.

STATE LEGISLATURES.

In the New Jersey Legislature, after several days' balloting, four Republicans yesterday voted with the Democrats, and the House organized with R. F. Rabe, Democrat, Speaker, and John G. Foster, Republican, of the Blaine letter notoriety, Clerk.

The Wisconsin Assembly met and heard Governor Ludington's message yesterday, which shows the entire treasury receipts for the fiscal year ending September, 1876, to be $1,976,074. The disbursements during the same period were $1,660,207, leaving a balance of $315,866, against last year's balance of $278,000. Of the trust funds there is in the school fund, $2,625,798; university fund, $222,735; normal school, $963,917; agricultural, $238,479. Total State debt, $225,067. Estimated receipts for current year, $1,133,313; expenses, $975,727. The message proper is entirely devoted to local State affairs.

At twelve M. yesterday, before the joint session of the Arkansas Legislature, Governor William P. Miller was inaugurated. In his address he said he was wedded to ne particular financial policy; that the free school system would receive his unbounded attention and support; that the colored people should be protected in every legal and constitutional right; that he favored economy, but was opposed to false frugality. During the inauguration the galleries were crowded with visitors. General T. J. Churchill, State Treasurer, and W. F. Anderson, Attorney General, were also sworn in.

In the Ohio House a bill was introduced directing the insertion in fire insurance policies of a canceliation clause, under which the policy may be cancelled at the request of the holder, and also making notes given for policies non-transferable. In response to invitation, Hon. William A. Wheeler, of New York, visited both Houses of the General Assembly, yesterday morning, in company with Governor Hayes. He was first formally introduced by the Chairman, and then personally introduced to the members at a recess taken for that purpose.

In the Senate in the afternoon a bill was introduced to increase the salaries of the Supreme Judges from $3,000 to $4,000 per annum. In the House bills were introduced to fix the pay of county auditors; to extend the time of payment of the first installment of taxes to the 12th of January of each year; to require railroad companies to erect comfortable depots at all towns of 1,500 population, or within half a mile of their roads. A resolution was adopted calling on the Adjutant General to furnish information relative to the Massillon riots.

B. H. Martin, of Paxton, Ind., was drowned at Evansville, last night, while trying to cross the river on the ice.

SECOND EDITION.

WASHINGTON.

The Bonds of Postmaster Anderson

The Accounts of the Late Incumbent.

Texas Pacific Railroad Compromise Bill.

A Pension Voted to Dr. General Jackson.

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTOR QUESTION.

Position Agreed Upon by House Committee.

The Senate Committee Mature a Plan

Hot Hunt for Tilden's Corruption Fund.

No Democratic National Convention.

Efforts to Secure Recognition of the Nicholls Government.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 11, 1877.

The Pittsburgh Postoffice.

A letter has been sent to Postmaster Anderson, inclosing forms of bonds for immediate execution. The amount has been fixed at $120,000 for the postal and $30,000 for the money order business. No action will be taken by the department against the late postmaster until Mr. Anderson is installed, when he will put the accounts of the office in shape and make return. It then will be officially set forth that Negley is in arrears, when suit will be brought by the Government for the recovery of the amount.

Representative-Elect Watson,

Of the Erie district, has been in the city for several days, and returned home to-night. He has been here acquainting himself with departmental matters and the *personnel* of the Government so far as may be of service to him. It can be said of him that Erie, Venango and Warren will have a representative who will look well after the interests of his constitutents, and make a legislator in every respect worthy.

The Texas Pacific Compromise Bill.

The House Committee on Pacific Railroads held a long meeting to-day, and finally disposed of the compromise bill reported from the sub-committee a few days ago. The bill authorizes the Southern California road to construct eastward as far as the coal fields, one hundred miles west of El Paso; the Texas Pacific road to construct westward, forming a junction at that point. The bill also provides for the construction of branches to Venita, Memphis, Vicksburg and New Orleans. The Government guarantees on such portions of the road as are to be constructed hereafter. The tolls are to be fixed at a rate which will enable it to meet the running expenses and the payment of a fair interest. It is stated that the bill meets with the approval of Messrs. Scott and Huntington. An effort will be made to secure action upon the bill at the earliest moment, in the hopes of effecting its passage before the questions growing out of the Presidential difficulties are taken up for consideration.

Doctor General Jackson Pensioned.

The bill which was introduced at the last session, granting a pension to Doctor General Jackson, has passed.

Position of the House Democrats.

The Committee on the Powers and Privileges of the House were in session a considerable time to-day. The majority are fully agreed upon the fundamental propositions covering the questions referred to them. These, stated fully, are: First, that the powers of the President of the Senate are limited by the Constitution to the opening of certificates of electoral votes; second, that the power of the House of Representatives is at least equal to that of the Senate in the premises; third, that no vote can be counted without the consent of the House of Representative. The propositions expressly negative the power of the President of the Senate to count the electoral votes, and are embodied in brief resolutions, which will be submitted to the House at the earliest practicable moment. The opinion of Democratic members is that no time ought to be lost in defining the position and rights of the House. The Republican members of the committee will dissent from the above conclusions.

Tracing Up Tilden's Corruption Fund.

The Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections to-day made an important step in the direction of tracing out the eight thousand dollar Oregon corruption fund. Mr. Runyon, of Martin & Runyon, brokers, having obtained voluntary consent to mentioning names, stated that Conrad N. Jourdon brought the money to him, and he made the transfer for him. Jourdan is cashier of the Third National Bank of New York city, where Tilden keeps an account, and where he has a desk. The Republican members of the committee allege that they will be able to show that this is not simply a coincidence, as the Democrats claim.

No Democratic National Convention.

The proposition of the Ohio Democratic Convention on January 8th, favoring a National Convention at Washington on the 14th of February, does not meet with a hearty second among some of the leading Democrats here. The convention could only be called by the Chairman of the National Committee, Mr. Hewitt, who at present positively declines to call such a convention.

The Senate Committee's Electoral Plan.

The conversation of prominent Senators to-day indicated a belief that some plan of adjustment of the pending difficulties relative to counting the electoral vote had been agreed upon by a majority of the Senate committee. The features of the plan have not transpired, but Senators who might be presumed to be well informed express themselves hopeful of the result. It is believed that the Democratic members of the committee are satisfied with the plan, and that two of the Republican members coincide with them. Its adoption by the Senate is doubtful.

Trying to Bulldoze Grant.

A strong pressure is being brought to bear upon the President in hopes of securing the recognition of the Nicholls government in Louisiana. The President, however, still declines to take action with reference to either party, until all the facts in the case are fully set before him. Dispatches received up to a late hour to-night indicate no change in the situation, and it is very probable that affairs will maintain their present status until the Government acts, or the Presidential question is settled.

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 11, 1877.

THAT $8,000 CHECK.

Enos Runyon testified before the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections to-day that the person for whom he drew the $8,000 check on December 6th, payable to Ladd & Brush, of Salem, Oregon, was Conrad N. Jourdan, cashier of the Third National Bank of New York.

The Senate Committee on Privileges and Eelections met in secret session this afternoon, and examined the letter and bank books of Charles Dimond, of New York. Nothing in addition to what Dimond has heretofore stated in relation to the $8,000 Oregon transaction was elicited by the examination, and he was discharged from further attendance on the committee.

There was no money paid for the check by Jourdan, or collaterals deposited. It was a matter of honor between them. The witness acknowledged that it was an unusual way of doing business, as it is the custom in such cases to have the money or collaterals deposited. Jourdan did not indicate for what purpose he wanted the check, but he did not want the transaction placed on Martin & Runyon's books. The amount of the check was charged to him [witness] on the books of the firm. Mr. Jourdan said he would fix the matter up in a few days.

The committee have ordered that Jourdan be subpœnaed to appear before them as a witness. It is stated here to-night that Governor Tilden is a director of the Third National Bank, of which Jourdan is cashier.

General D. M. Frost, the alleged ineligible Missouri elector, has arrived in Washington, and will be examined to-morrow or next day.

THE POLICE INVESTIGATION.

The House special committee to inquire into the acts of the Board of Police Commissioners of the District of Columbia began their investigation to-day by examining Major Richards, Superintendent of Police. He testified that about the first of July last William J. Murtagh, President of the board, requested him to detail detectives to see if they could not find Congressman Whittehorne in some disreputable house and arrest him while there, with a view to publishing him in the newspapers and breaking the force of his report on naval affairs, which was then expected in a few days, and which, Murtagh said, would embody the results not of a fair investigation, but of persecutions of the Secretary of the Navy. Subsequently it was suggested that if it should be found Whittehorne was not in the habit of visiting any disreputable place in Washington, it might be well to employ some way to entice him into one. Richards further testified that he pretended to consent to Murtagh's proposition, and to give the desired order, but he privately instructed the detectives not to act upon it. He also conferred with Mr. Cooke, the board's attorney, and they agreed that the force ought not to be employed in any such way. Major Richards will be cross-examined by Judge Jeremiah Wilson, in behalf of Murtagh, to-morrow.

APPOINTMENTS.

The President to-day withdrew the nomination of Vincent Boreing to be Pension Agent at Louisville. This leaves R. M. Kelly in continued possession of the office. Alexander Sharp, who was nominated to-day for appointment as paymaster in the army, with the rank of major, is the President's brother-in-law. He is now and has been for nearly eight years United States Marshal for the District of Columbia.

PARDONED.

Some time ago John Henderson, with others, was convicted in New Orleans for committing whisky frauds, and sentenced to a term in the West Virginia Penitentiary. To-day his sisters left Washington for that place, carrying with them his pardon by the President.

A WEEKLY LIST OF UNITED STATES PATENTS

Issued to the inventors of Pennsylvania and Ohio for the week ending January 9, 1877, and each patent in the list will bear this date. Reported expressly for the COMMERCIAL by A. H. Evans & Co., Patent Solicitors, May Building, Washington, D. C.:

PENNSYLVANIA.

E. Sprague, Pittsburgh—Cutters for brick machines.
J. S. Atkinson, Pittsburgh—Machines for slitting metallic plates.
L. H. Pilger, Philadelphia—Lamp extinguishers.
W. Cady, Philadelphia—Broom machines.
S. Huber, Danville—Plows.
C. Alden, Newburg—Process for treating fish.
J. T. Allen, Philadelphia—Scaffolds.
G. W. Bollman, Pittsburgh—Hot air reservoirs
G. C. A. Class, Philadelphia—Attachments for piano pedals.
L. H. Hall, Erie—Balance slide valves.
Hutchinson & Lunger, Philadelphia—Combined wall protectors and towel rack.
J. R. Kidder, Albion—Machines for shaving shingles.
C. Levis, Philadelphia—Combined sash lifters and fasteners.
A. Montgomery, Philadelphia—Spiders for scale beams.
A. J. Nellis, Pittsburgh—Fences.
H. P. Rankin, Allegheny—Meat choppers.
P. Rieseck, Allegheny—Compensating journals.
W. Sellers, Philadelphia—Hydraulic power regulators.
E. Snyder, Harrisburg—Devices for decanting liquor.
Reissue—M. B. Dyott, Philadelphia—Lamps.
Trade Mark—F. W. Rogers & Co., Philadelphia—Aluminous compound.

OHIO.

N. W. Holt, Dayton—Rotary engines.
W. T. Jordan, Chagrin Falls, and P. Mequillet, Cleveland—Paper bags.
A. Rauts, Fort Recovery—Millstone adjustments.
E. F. Stoddard, Dayton—Horse hay rakes.
Wellhouse & Taplin, Akron—Reservoir cook stoves.
P. M. Ketring, Henry—Hog pens.
F. Swingly, Bucyrus—Nut locks.
E. Buss, Springfield—Carpet beaters.
H. Clayton, Dayton—Grain drill feeders.
Design—W. C. Macbriar, Cincinnati—Fan.
Trade Mark—Steele & Rice—Cincinnati—Dentrifices.

FOREIGN NEWS.

BY THE ATLANTIC CABLE.

The Eastern Troubles.

NO EPIDEMIC IN THE RUSSIAN ARMY.

LONDON, January 11.—A special from St. Petersburg to the *Political Correspondence*, Vienna, says: It is officially reported that there are only 1,651 invalids in the mobilized army of Russia, and no epidemic prevails.

ROUMANIA SATISFIED.

CONSTANTINOPLE, January 11.—Roumania expresses satisfaction with the declaration of the Porte that Article seven of the new Constitution was purely internal.

OUTRAGE BY BASHI-BAZOUKS.

PARIS, January 11.—A dispatch from Bucharest reports that a band of Bashi-Bazouks crossed the Danube on Monday night, plundered a Roumanian outpost and killed two Roumanian soldiers. There is great excitement in Roumania at the outrage.

WAR MUST BE CONSIDERED IMMINENT.

CONSTANTINOPLE, January 11.—The *Phare Du Bosphore* says: War must be considered imminent so long as the Powers confine themselves to endeavoring to force the Porte to discuss their conditions without taking the Turkish proposals into consideration.

Herr Busch, the newly appointed Secretary of Legation, who will take charge of the German embassy on the departure of Baron Von Werder, had an interview with Midhat Pasha to-day, and urged him to yield to the demands of the Powers.

A FINAL COMMUNICATION TO THE PORTE.

LONDON, January 11.—A telegram from Constantinople, dated Thursday evening, says: It is stated that at to-day's sitting of the conference Baron Von Werder declared in the name of Germany, that no further concession could be made. The Turkish delegates did not present to-day a new project for understanding. The next sitting was fixed for Monday. It is generally believed here that the European plenipotentiaries will not then present an ultimatum, but will make a fresh communication to the Porte, finally summing up the intentions of the Powers, declaring this communication to be the last, and demanding that a categorical reply be given at the sitting following its presentation. If an understanding is then found to be impossible, the plenipotentiaries would quit Constantinople.

The *Standard's* dispatch from Belgrade, dated Thursday, says General Nikitine goes to Gladova and Negotin to inspect the fortifications.

Intelligence comes from Bucharest that fresh means of transport for troops, artillery and ammunition are arriving at Kisheneff. The Czar is expected there shortly.

The Vienna correspondent of the *Standard* reports that the Italian delegate to the conference has been instructed to propose the removal of the seat of the conference to Vienna, if no result is reached at Constantinople.

According to a Berlin dispatch, it is said the Czar has demanded an immediate report on the state of the Southern army, and he conferred on Wednesday with the Minister of War concerning the further mobilization of troops.

It is reported that 50,000 rifles from Birmingham have just arrived at Constantinople.

A telegram from Constantinople says explanations were exchanged in the conference which further demonstrated the existence of differences between the European Powers and the Porte. The Turks persisted in rejecting the proposals of the Powers, especially those for subjecting the appointment of Governors of provinces to the approval of the Powers, and for an international commission. The Europeans remained united throughout the discussion.

The Paris correspondent of the *Times* says the statement is confirmed that at the beginning of the week Prince Bismarck sent Baron Von Werther a very curt dispatch, criticizing the extreme slowness of the conference, declaring the penipotentiaries had gone too far in their successive concessions to the Porte, and regretting that Werther had joined in the concessions. Bismarck at the same time sent to his minister a note, directing him to communicate the dispatch to Lord Derby, and with it state that he [Bismarck] thought the series of concessions and modifications agreed to by the conference, in the face of Turkey's delay and resistance, was contrary to the dignity of Europe, and impaired the force of its collective action.

A dispatch from Pesth to the *Daily News* asserts that five fresh army corps will be added to the Kisheneff army, and several divisions have already arrived.

A Belgrade dispatch to the *Times* says it is stated there that the Turks attacked Raiatz, in the Negotin district, on Tuesday, and 210 men were killed and wounded in the action. They attacked Negotin, but were repulsed. The Turks have burned two villages in the Morava Valley. It is possible that General Nikitine has gone to the scene of action at Negotin. The *Times'* correspondent adds that the Turks, perhaps, intend to violate Servian soil, seize the south bank of the Danube opposite Turnseverein, and fortify the crossing place on both sides of the Ibar, before the Russians or Roumanians can anticipate them. The Russian Consul has engaged a steamboat to convey all the remaining Russian troops down the Danube.

FOREIGN NOTES.

The steamship Boliva, from New York, has arrived out.

Alexander Bain, the English author and scholar, is dead.

The steamship Dakota, from New York, arrived at Queenstown yesterday.

Snow, Taylor & Sherwell, silk merchants, of Bristol, England, have failed. Their liabilities are reported at £80,000.

Sixty guineas per hundred has has been paid at Lloyd's to effect insurance on the steamer Colombo, which left Hull December 3d for New York.

In the French Chamber of Deputies yesterday, M. Say, Minister of Finance, introduced the budget for 1878. He estimates the surplus for that year at 6,000,000 francs.

The Madrid ministerial journals state that at a council held under the presidency of King Alfonso, the following changes in the ministry were decided upon: Manuel Silvela, Minister of Foreign Affairs, in place of Calderon y Collantes, who is to be transferred to the Ministry of Justice, while Senor Herrera, Minister of Justice, is to be placed at the head of the Ministry of the Colonies.

The Pope yesterday received the students of the American College, who read an address and presented a sum of Peter's pence. The Pope, in reply, dwelt upon the marvellous progress Catholicism was making in America.

Berlin returns to Parliament four Progressists, four Socialists and one National Liberal, Von Forckenbeck, President of the last Parliament. Strasbourg returns an Autonomist, being a defeat for the Protest party. At Frankfort the Democratic candidate leads the poll. The Socialists and Democrats have been remarkably active. They contested 123 out of 397 districts, and serious misgivings are felt that they must have materially strengthened their representation.

The election for members of the German Parliament passed off quietly on Wednesday. The returns so far received, mainly from the large towns, show the election of fifteen National Liberals, five Socialist Democrats, five Alsatians, one Conservative and one Pole. Second ballots will be necessary in twenty-two electoral districts, in thirteen of which the Socialist Democrats, although in a minority, throw a heavy vote. The five successful Alsatians belong to the Autonomist party. Their defeated opponents of the Protest party profess more extreme French and Ultramontane views.

A *Times'* special from Berlin says the Socialist Democrats have secured some seats in Magdeburg, Dresden, Breslau and other cities. This occurred in consequence of the split in the Liberal party, the Progressists having refused to vote with the National Liberals in consequence of concessions of the latter to the Government during the debate on the Judicial bill. The *Standard's* Berlin dispatch says: According to telegrams received, the Progressist representation in the Reichstag is nearly decimated, while the strength of the National Liberals, the Conservatives and the Ultramontanes appears to be equal to what it was in the last House.

A dispatch from Madrid states that Senor Silvala, who is to enter the Cabinet, belongs to the most liberal section of the majority in the Cortes.

A BLAST FROM KANSAS.

Governor Anthony's Message—He Pays His Respects to Unrepentant Rebels.

TOPEKA, January 11.—The Governor read his message himself to the Legislature in joint session this afternoon. It is confined mostly to local matters, but refers to the present condition of national affairs as follows:

This condition of things was made possibly by a magnanimity without reason and an animosity without precedent, by which we made haste to say that treason was not a crime to be remembered, and traitors not men to be feared in power. These acts were sweet of the taste of mercy and consoling to the spirit of forgiveness, but they have proved in the mouth of Wisdom bitterness and ashes to the soul of Justice. By this mistaken action and unreasonable confidence, men who, but a few years ago, were in rebellion against the constituted authorities of the Government, in a war without historical parallel in extent and cruelty, have found their way back into the legislatures and positions of exalted executive and judicial trust in the National and State governments. If these men, when thus reinstated, had by their acts vindicated our confidence in their returning loyalty and love of country, it would have been a sublime consummation for which the nations of the earth have sighed in vain since human governments were organized; but such consummation was not possible, because human natures intervened to prevent a conqurered foe from becoming a trusted friend. The leaders of the rebellion may bow in submission to the results of a war in which they lost everything, but they can never cease to cherish the Lost Cause as the jewel of their pride and the secret hope of their inner hearts; nor would we respect them more if they could. The sooner we admit this great fundamental fact, the sooner shall we lift our Government above the perils of rebellion by keeping its control in the hands of those who love it for its priceless blessings, as paramount to the love of life itself. In this as in all previous conflicts involving the question of human rights, human equality and free government, Kansas stands before the world in the same heroic attitude it has ever maintained. In its majorities on the national and State tickets, and the almost complete political unanimity of your body, it has reaffirmed its devotion to the right, and renewed its pledge to sister States and the world that it will not be guilty of treason in the future by forgetting the bloody records of treason in the past.

Again he says: More than this the Republican party does not desire, nor will it attempt to enforce anything inconsistent with the will of the people or the interests of the Government. It will act from patriotic motives, and do its duty in the future as in the past, and in its action, whether it leads us along the quiet path of peace or the rugged road of war, it will have the support of the Commonwealth of Kansas. It is decided by the people of Kansas that the party of its choice be not kept in possession of the General Government by unfair and unlawful means; at the same time it is the unquestioned sense of the public judgment and patriotism that no one step be conceded in compromise or yielded by the talk of force. We fervently pray that the discordant element of war may not again curse our land, but if need be, to protect and defend the sacred earnings of the last great struggle, another like it or greater if necessary, they will be found ready now as then to do their duty.

TELEGRAPHIC PERSONALS.

The President has nominated Steward L. Woodford for United States District Attorney for the Southern district of New York.

The Russian Minister and the admiral commanding the Russian fleet arrived at Norfolk, Va., last night. The fleet has not arrived.

The appointment of Stewart L. Woodford as District Attorney for the Southern district of New York was made at the instance of Senator Conkling.

The *habeas corpus* case of Dr. Charles Phelps, committed for contempt in not answering questions relative to the Bennett-May duel, was before Judge Donohue yesterday afternoon, who heard the argument and reserved his decision.

Lucille Western, a well-known actress, died at the Pierrepont House, Brooklyn, last night, of congestion of the lungs, the result of a cold contracted during a recent engagement at the Walnut Street Theater, Philadelphia. Her last appearance was on Tuesday evening last, at the Park Theater, Brooklyn, in the character of *Nancy Sykes*.

The St. Louis *Republican* has a special from Sedalia, Mo., which says that information from a trustworthy source has been received there that Samuel S. Burdett, late Commissioner of the General Land Office at Washington, who mysteriously disappeared from New York some months ago, was recently seen in San Antonio, Texas, by a gentleman who knew him well, and talked with him. He did not allude to the cause of his disappearance, but asked his friend not to mention their meeting.

Hon. John P. McKinley, of Mercer, but formerly of Venango county, died on Tuesday morning at his home in Mercer.

***Advertisements on this page, under the several heads of* WANTED, FOR SALE, FOR RENT, *&c., will be inserted at transient rates only*—TEN CENTS *per line for each insertion. No advertisement less than* FIFTY CENTS.**

WANTS.

WANTED—EVERYBODY TO USE Abel's Vermin Exterminator. It has no equal for banishing Rats, Mice and Roaches. Sold by all druggists.

WANTED—SITUATION—BY A YOUNG man 19 years of age; is a coach painter by trade, but is willing to engage in any other honorable employment. Address W. H. B., Commercial Office.

WANTED—TO SELL OR EXCHANGE—For Pittsburgh property, a House in Philadelphia, with all modern improvements. Terms liberal. Address J. E. MITCHELL, 245 Pine street, Philadelphia.

WANTED—TRAVELING SALESMAN—One who is perfectly familiar with the Drug trade, active, honest, and can give security for faithful performance of duty. LAUGHLIN BROS. & CO., Wholesale Druggists, Wheeling.

WANTED—A SITUATION—HAVE HAD considerable experience as clerk, &c., in several branches of business, and can produce first-class references. Moderate salary will be satisfactory. Address "F," Lock Box 538, city.

WANTED—SITUATION—IN A WHOLEsale or Retail Store, or as a Traveling Salesman or Agent. Have had experience. Reference given. Moderate salary satisfactory. Address, stating salary and business, A. B. C., Elm, Fayette county, Pa.

WANTED—EMPLOYMENT—A RESPONsible person, of considerable real and personal property, being now idle, would like some suitable employment for a portion of his time, in either city. Communications addressed "RUFUS, care of J. F. Marthens, 71 Grant street," will receive attention.

WANTED—MEN AND WOMEN—IN every part of the Union to introduce, upon the most desirable plan, an important discovery that will meet with favor in every family. Men of genteel appearance can average $30 to $70 per week profit. Goods pay 400 per cent. Send stamp for papers or 50c for $1 sample. Q. H. RAY & CO., Chicago, Ill.

FOUND.

FOUND—SEAL RING—ON FIFTH AVEnue, a gold seal ring. Address GEORGE, this office, describing it.

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—GRAIN AND PRODUCE BUSINESS—The undersigned wishing to relinquish their present business, an excellent opportunity is afforded to any parties desirous of engaging in the same line of trade. McBANE & ANJER, 141 Water street. mwf

FOR SALE—ENGINES AND BOILERS—New and second-hand, of all sizes, stationary and portable. Power Force Pumps for supplying boilers, of all sizes, the best and cheapest in the market. JAMES HILL & CO., Allegheny City, Pa.

FOR SALE—97 ACRES OF GOOD LAND—Well improved and cultivated, 3 miles from Beaver Falls, Beaver county, Pa.; low price and easy payments; will take approved New Castle or Beaver Falls property as part pay. Call on or address ED. WITTISH, Beaver Falls, Pa.

FOR SALE—DRUG AND PRESCRIPTION STORE in one of the best localities in the city, doing a good business; can be bought at a reasonable price by any one meaning business; satisfactory reasons given for selling, by addressing, in full name, "A. F.," Lock Box 160, Pittsburgh, Pa.

FOR SALE—ONE 14 BY 24 IN. ENGINE, a 12 by 24 in., a 10 by 24 in., and an 8 by 12 in., second-hand, and will be sold cheap; also, a lot of Pulleys, Hangers, Shafting and Belting, 10 second-hand Boilers, 3 new Engines of different sizes, at THOS. CARLIN'S, 186 Lacock street, Allegheny, Pa.

FOR SALE—SHULTZ'S PATENT BELTING AND LACE LEATHER—Is superior to Leather or Gum, and is below them in price. Does not stretch, get hard or crack. We will allow purchasers a reasonable time to test it, and should it fail to prove satisfactory we will take it back and refund the money paid. M. B. COCHRAN & CO., 121 Liberty street.

FOR RENT.

FOR RENT—ROOMS—TWO FURNISHED Rooms for gentlemen, at 285 Penn avenue.

FOR RENT—WAREHOUSE—A TWO-story brick warehouse, 150 First avenue. Immediate possession given. Inquire of W. W. THOMSON, 140 Fifth avenue.

FOR RENT—DWELLINGS—FROM APRIL 1, 1877, two first class dwellings on Penn avenue, near Fifth street, with all the modern conveniences. Inquire at 173 PENN AVENUE.

FOR RENT—WAREHOUSE—THAT SPAcious warehouse, iron front, No. 80 Wood street; well supplied throughout with gas and water; occupied at present by Klee Bros. Inquire of B. L. FAHNESTOCK, 76 Wood street.

FOR RENT—HOUSE—A TWO-STORY brick house and ten acres of ground on Second avenue, Twenty-third ward, Pittsburgh. Immediate possession given if desired. Inquire of W. W. THOMSON, 140 Fifth avenue.

FOR RENT—HOUSE—A DWELLING OF 5 Rooms and Finished Attic, on Center avenue, near Soho street. Water in kitchen. Rent reasonable. Call on G. E. NORTH, Commercial Office, after 2:30 P. M., or address No. 164 Center avenue.

NOTICES.

☞ NOTICE TO VENDERS OF FRUIT AND VEGETABLES.—All persons found selling fruit and vegetables from unbranded boxes and baskets (used as measures) will be dealt with according to law.

W. W. TYSON,

County Sealer of Weights and Measures, No. 41 Federal street.

Office Hours—8 A. M. to 5 P. M.

DIVIDENDS.

BANKS.

☞ MARINE NATIONAL BANK—THE Directors of this bank have declared a semi-annual dividend of THREE (3) PER CENT., payable on demand.

W. C. MACRUM, Cashier.

Pittsburgh, December 30, 1876.

☞ FARMERS' DEPOSIT NATIONAL BANK—QUARTERLY DIVIDEND.—The Directors of this bank have this day declared a dividend of FOUR PER CENT. out of the profits of the past three months, payable on demand, free of taxes.

S. GEORGE, JR., Cashier.

Pittsburgh, December 30, 1876.

☞ DIVIDEND.—THE DIRECTORS OF THE PEOPLE'S NATIONAL BANK have this day declared a dividend of THREE PER CENT. out of the earnings of the past six months, payable on demand.

F. M. GORDON, Cashier.

Pittsburgh, January 2, 1877.

☞ TRADESMEN'S NATIONAL BANK—DIVIDEND.—The Directors of this bank have this day declared a dividend of FOUR PER CENT., payable on demand.

CYRUS CLARKE, JR., Cashier.

Pittsburgh, January 2, 1877.

☞ ALLEGHENY NATIONAL BANK—DIVIDEND.—This bank has this day declared a dividend of FOUR PER CENT. on the capital stock, payable forthwith, free of tax.

W. McCANDLESS, Cashier.

Pittsburgh, January 2, 1877.

☞ FREEHOLD BANK AND BUILDING ASSOCIATION, 68 SMITHFIELD STREET—The Directors of this Bank have declared a Dividend of (4) FOUR PER CENT. out of the profits of the last six months, free of tax, payable on or after January 5, 1877.

THOMAS STEEL, Secretary and Treasurer.

Pittsburgh, December 30, 1876.

☞ DIVIDEND.—THE IRON AND GLASS DOLLAR SAVINGS BANK has declared a Dividend of FOUR PER CENT. for the last six months, payable on and after January 2, 1877.

HENRY STAMM, Cashier.

INSURANCE.

☞ OFFICE OF THE BEN FRANKLIN INSURANCE COMPANY, NOS. 41 AND 43 OHIO STREET—SEVENTEENTH DIVIDEND.—The Board of Directors of this company have declared a semi-annual dividend of TWO ($2) DOLLARS PER SHARE, payable forthwith.

GEORGE D. RIDDLE, Secretary.

Allegheny, Pa., January 8, 1877.

☞ OFFICE MANUFACTURERS' AND MERCHANTS' INSURANCE COMPANY, 87 WOOD STREET—DIVIDEND—The Directors of this company have this day declared a dividend of THREE DOLLARS PER SHARE, $1 50-100 payable in cash on demand, and $1 50-100 to be credited on stock notes.

J. M. KENNEY, Secretary.

Pittsburgh, January 6, 1877.

☞ OFFICE OF THE ALLEMANNIA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY—DIVIDEND.—The Board of Directors of this company have this day declared a dividend of TWO AND A HALF (2½) DOLLARS PER SHARE, free of tax, payable on and after the 12th inst.

CHAS. F. HERROSEE, Secretary.

Pittsburgh, January 6, 1877.

☞ OFFICE OF THE NATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY, NO. 43 SOUTH DIAMOND STREET—DIVIDEND.—The Board of Directors of this company have declared a dividend of ONE DOLLAR PER SHARE, payable forthwith.

JAS. E. STEVENSON, Secretary.

Allegheny, January 5, 1877.

☞ OFFICE OF THE CASH INSURANCE COMPANY, NO. 30 FIFTH AVENUE (Second Floor)—DIVIDEND.—The Board of Directors of this company have this day declared a dividend of EIGHT PER CENT. ($4 per share), payable on and after Monday, 8th inst.

JOS. T. JOHNSTON, Secretary.

Pittsburgh, Pa., December 2, 1877.

MISCELLANEOUS.

☞ OFFICE OF MONONGAHELA NAVIGATION COMPANY.—The Board of Managers of the Monongahela Navigation Company have this day declared a dividend of THREE DOLLARS A SHARE, payable forthwith, at the office of the company, No. 94 Diamond street.

W. BAKEWELL, Treasurer.

Pittsburgh, January 11, 1877.

☞ THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS of the COLUMBIA OIL COMPANY have this day declared a dividend, No. 50, of TWO DOLLARS PER SHARE, payable Monday, the 15th inst.

A. P. McGREW, Secretary.

Pittsburgh, January 10, 1877.

☞ THE SAFE DEPOSIT COMPANY OF PITTSBURGH, NO. 83 FOURTH AVENUE.—The Directors of this institution have this day declared a dividend of ONE DOLLAR PER SHARE on the capital stock, payable to stockholders or their legal representatives forthwith.

WM. LITTLE, Secretary.

Pittsburgh, January 4, 1877.

☞ PITTSBURGH AND ALLEGHENY BRIDGE COMPANY (Hand street).—DIVIDEND.—The managers of this company have this day declared a dividend of FIVE PER CENT. on the capital stock, out of the profits of the last six months, payable forthwith at the Citizens' National Bank.

R. K. WILSON, Secretary and Treasurer.

Pittsburgh, January 1, 1877.

ELECTION NOTICES.

BANKS.

☞ FIFTH NATIONAL BANK—ELECTION—The annual election for directors of this bank, to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the Banking House, No. 16 Sixth street, on TUESDAY, January 16, 1877, between the hours of 1 and 2 P. M.

L. HALSEY WILLIAMS, Cashier.

Pittsburgh, December 16, 1876.

MISCELLANEOUS.

☞ NOTICE.—THE ANNUAL ELECTION for Directors of the JACOBUS & NIMICK MANUFACTURING COMPANY will be held at the office of the company on TUESDAY, the 16th inst., between the hours of 2 and 4 P. M.

SAMUEL H. JACOBUS, General Manager and Treasurer.

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POLITICAL.

☞ FOR MAYOR,

S. J. WAINWRIGHT,

FIFTEENTH WARD.

Subject to the decision of the City Republican Convention.

☞ FOR MAYOR,

JARED M. BRUSH.

Subject to the decision of the City Republican Convention.

☞ FOR MAYOR,

JOS. A. BUTLER.

Subject to the Republican City Convention.

☞ FOR CITY TREASURER,

R. B. BROWN.

Subject to the decision of the City Republican Convention.

☞ FOR CITY TREASURER,

THOS. S. MITCHELL.

Subject to the decision of the City Republican Convention.

☞ FOR CITY TREASURER,

SAMUEL KILGORE.

Subject to the decision of the City Republican Convention.

☞ FOR CITY TREASURER,

J. F. DENNISTON,

TWENTIETH WARD, PITTSBURGH.

Subject to the decision of the Republican Primary Election.

☞ FOR CITY CONTROLLER,

R. M. SNODGRASS.

Subject to the decision of the City Republican Convention.

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REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE GERMAN NATIONAL BANK, at Pittsburgh, in the State of Pennsylvania, at the close of business, December 22, 1876.

RESOURCES.

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LIABILITIES.

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STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, } SS.

I, Joseph Laurent, Cashier of the German National Bank of Pittsburgh, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

JOSEPH LAURENT, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of January, 1877.

S. SMITH, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest: A. GROETZINGER, PAUL HUGUS, CHRISTIAN SIEBERT, } Directors.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE ALLEGHENY NATIONAL BANK, at Pittsburgh, in the State of Pennsylvania, at the close of business, December 22, 1876.

RESOURCES.

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LIABILITIES.

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STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, } SS.

I, W. McCandless, Cashier of the Allegheny National Bank, of Pittsburgh, Pa., do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

W. McCANDLESS, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of January, 1877.

S. SMITH, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest: J. W. COOK, [illegible], W. B. HAYES, Jr., } Directors.

LEGAL NOTICE.—J. HARVEY STEVENSON, Attorney-at-Law and Notary Public, will attend to legal business in the several courts of Allegheny, Beaver, Lawrence or Mercer counties. Collections promptly made. Office, 104 FIFTH AVENUE, Pittsburgh, opposite Postoffice. mwf-1p

PENNSYLVANIA MILITARY ACADEMY, Chester, Delaware County, Pa.

Session opens January 3. Thorough instruction in Civil Engineering, the Classics and English Branches. For circulars apply to CHAS. H. PAULSON, 66 Wood street, Pittsburgh, or to COL. THEO. HYATT, President.

PHONOGRAPHY.

A thorough course of instructions will be given a small class in short hand writing by the undersigned. Pupils can apply at 84 Fifth avenue, second floor, or address Box 429, P. O.

S. B. LIPPINCOTT.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE TRADESMEN'S NATIONAL BANK, at Pittsburgh, in the State of Pennsylvania, at the close of business, December 22, 1876.

RESOURCES.

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LIABILITIES.

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STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, } SS.

I, Cyrus Clarke, Jr., Cashier of the Tradesmen's National Bank, of Pittsburgh, Pa., do solemnly swear that the above statement is true, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

CYRUS CLARKE, Jr., Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of January, 1877.

HENDERSON E. DAVIS, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest: A. BRADLEY, JNO. C. RISHER, JNO. F. DRAVO, } Directors.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BIRMINGHAM, at Pittsburgh, in the State of Pennsylvania, at the close of business, December 22, 1876.

RESOURCES.

[illegible]

LIABILITIES.

[illegible]

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, } SS.

I, John P. Beech, Cashier of the above named Bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

JOHN P. BEECH, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of January, 1877.

CHARLES EVANS, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest: JAMES FAWCETT, H. S. McKEE, A. B. STEVENSON, } Directors.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE PITTSBURGH NATIONAL BANK OF COMMERCE, at Pittsburgh, in the State of Pennsylvania, at the close of business, December 22, 1876.

RESOURCES.

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LIABILITIES.

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STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, } SS.

I, Joseph H. Hill, Cashier of the above named Bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

JOSEPH H. HILL, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of January, 1877.

W. L. SLOAN, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest: S. B. W. GILL, W. PICKERSGILL, Jr., HENRY W. PATTERSON, } Directors.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE FIFTH NATIONAL BANK, OF PITTSBURGH, in the State of Pennsylvania, at the close of business, December 22, 1876.

RESOURCES.

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LIABILITIES.

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STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, } SS.

I, L. Halsey Williams, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

L. HALSEY WILLIAMS, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of January, 1877.

GEO. I. WHITNEY, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest: ROBERT ARTHURS, D. LEET WILSON, RALPH BAGALEY, } Directors.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE FARMERS' DEPOSIT NATIONAL BANK, AT PITTSBURGH, in the State of Pennsylvania, at the close of business, December 22, 1876.

RESOURCES.

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LIABILITIES.

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STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, } SS.

I, S. George, Jr., Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

S. GEORGE, Jr., Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of January, 1877.

E. T. CASSIDY, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest: WM. WALKER, JAS. MARSHALL, SAM'L GEORGE, } Directors.

STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION OF THE Pittsburgh Bank for Savings,

DECEMBER 30, 1876.

LIABILITIES.

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ASSETS.

[illegible]

CHAS. G. MILNOR, Treasurer.

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A. BRADLEY, ROBERT C. SCHMERTZ, JAMES PARK, Jr., Committee.

The Commercial.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 1877.

The Democratic papers are not as gunpowdery as they were, and those of them that are shrieking fight merely resemble a parcel of barnyard chickens cackling for corn.

A good beginning. The total produce exports from New York during the first week of the present year were $10,940,499, against $9,181,724 for the corresponding period in 1875, and $8,473,655 in 1874.

The clarion voice of the doughty Watterson is loud for "wah." So was that of *Pistol* before he ate the leek. "All hell shall pay for this," he shouted, when he packed the wrong office down his gullet.

Massachusetts is still to the fore. That State now proposes the establishment of art and science schools where workingmen and their children may receive technical instruction, in order to create and improve skilled labor among the poorer classes, so that we may be better qualified as a nation to compete with the skilled labor of other countries.

Penn, the New Orleans White Leaguer, who, as Lieutenant Governor of Louisiana under the pretender McEnery, headed the bloody conspiracy of September 14, 1874, is now Adjutant General of the State under the new pretender, Nicholls, while Ogden, who conducted the massacre then, leads the White League now. They all seem anxious to advertise their infamy openly.

"Mrs. Belknap will receive at the Arlington this winter. She is looking handsomer and more imperious than ever before."—*Exchange.*

Young eyes are keen; and it is to be feared that this age of passing so jocundly over moral lapses will exert the wrong kind of influence upon the rising generation. "Imperious" is not a good word to use in the above connection.

The New York *Bulletin's* tabulation of the returns of nineteen Western railroads for December, 1876, shows that they compare unfavorably with the business of the corresponding month of 1875. The falling off, however, is not very marked, and four of them show an increase of net earnings. With a general increase of freight and passenger rates, the current month may be expected to exhibit a much better business.

The annual report of the United States Life Saving Service, just issued, is a very interesting and instructive document. Some idea of the scope and value of its operations may be gained from the fact that the number of lives saved last year was 729. The number of shipwrecked persons sheltered at the stations was 242, and the number of day's shelter afforded was 639. The total amount of property saved was $847,184.

Governor Robinson, of New York, is right in the view which he takes of the public schools. They are intended as the means of giving a fair, elementary education to the mass of our children, and not to become rivals to academies and colleges. It is perhaps an open question whether the enormously increased and constantly increasing cost of the public schools is not slowly endangering the fabric of the whole common school system.

Of course it turns out that the statement so extensively circulated and reiterated by Democratic journals, that General Hancock had been ordered to the Pacific coast, and that the order had only been withdrawn on account of his threat to resign, was an unmitigated lie. General Hancock himself says that he never received any orders transferring him from his present command and never received any intimation that such orders were contemplated, consequently he never refused to obey them. Will the *Post* please correct?

It may interest those Democratic editors and politicians who lied so persistently about the Maine election last fall, to learn that the Legislature of that State has just canvassed the vote for Governor, cast in September last, and has declared that Connor, the Republican candidate for Governor, had 15,444 majority. The utmost any Democrat would allow, last year, was 12,000, while most of the Democratic papers claimed that it was only eight or nine thousand. There is not much use in lying, at any time; but the Democrats seem to be unable to learn that plain fact.

A suggestive commentary on our growing independence of European manufactures is found in the fact that not a single pound of railroad bar steel was imported at New York during the past year, while during 1875 there was entered at the Custom House 13,164,002 pounds, valued at $419,537. Either all this material is now made in this country or there was no use for the article by the railroad companies. The importation of cutlery for 1876 foots up $774,945, against $1,047,159 for 1875. The importation of silk goods during the past year amounted to $21,234,300, against $23,161,312—a falling off of $2,927,012.

The Massachusetts Legislature contemplates the passage of a law authorizing co-operative loan and building associations, similar to those that have rendered Philadelphia a city of homes. The Boston *Advertiser* says that attempts in that direction have been made during the past two years, but that they have failed principally from the opposition of members who supposed that the workingmen's savings had better be deposited in a savings bank than be used, as they are in Philadelphia, in procuring for them independent homes. Many of the workingmen and women of Massachusetts are doubtless desirious of availing themselves of the advantages possessed by their brethren in this State, and it is to be hoped that their prayer may be granted.

The Paris correspondent of the New York *Times* thinks, in respect to the conflict between Russia and Turkey, that the objects of the former are two-fold—to secure a diplomatic triumph which will compensate for her defeat at the time of the Berlin programme, and to destroy the treaty of Paris. He is further of opinion that both of these objects may be attained without recourse to arms. This is very doubtful. Since the beginning of the present century almost all wars have, as now, been preceded or accompanied by two sorts of declarations, one emanating from the belligerents, and indicating what favors will be accorded to neutrals, the other proceeding from the neutrals to make known the policy they intend to adopt during the struggle.

In regard to the $8,000 sent by telegraph from the Tilden "bar'l" in New York to Oregon, and returned in the same manner to the New York bankers from whom the draft was obtained, thus leaving the impression that none of the money was used, it turns out that the funds really forwarded from New York to pay the "expenses" of the Democratic Judas-dozers were sent to Oregon by express, but had not reached their destination on the 6th of December, the day fixed by law for casting the electoral vote. The draft was thereupon telegraphed to satisfy the conspirators, and when the express package arrived a few days later, the former was returned by telegraph.

"Lord, what a tangled web we weave,
When first we practice to deceive."

The publication of Vanderbilt's will lets the public into a full knowledge of his domestic arrangements, and of how each of his children is hereafter to be cared for. This is another illustration of the pervading eagerness for news of what is going on in private households, and of the glare of publicity in which every man of note is compelled to live. The next step, and the press is fast advancing to it, is to censure the Commodore for the contents of his will. Already he is found fault with because he gave nothing to charitable institutions, and because he gave some of his children more than others. A man will soon have no right to do as he pleases with his own. He must take the newspaper Paul Prys into his confidence, and make his will, and manage his household to suit them. A man's house is no longer his castle.

It is, we think, pretty evident that the constitutional mode of opening the electoral certificates and ascertaining the result will prevail in declaring who is the next President in the same manner that has prevailed in declaring all former Presidents. There is little prospect of any compromise between the Senate and the House, and we are not sorry for it. Every movement leaning toward a compromise, or any departure whatever from the existing system is to be deprecated at this particular juncture. The Democrats, of course, would have the country believe that the difficulties in the ordinary way of counting the vote are insurmountable. This is the end in view while questioning the legality of the system which now prevails and has heretofore prevailed when Democratic Presidents have been elected. Every motion of a Republican which tinkers with the present mode, is gratifying to the Democrats. As they are dissatisfied with what is now a foregone conclusion, the election of Hayes, this step of Republicans in discussing improvements in the manner of counting the electoral vote, merely serves to enable the Democrats to find a pretext for agitation and the creation of turmoil among the people. But any presumption that the present system of declaring the result of a Presidential election is inadequate, presupposes an exigency which does not exist. The existing system is the constitutional one. Neither can complications arise under it in this case. The opposition of the Democrats to it is neither solid nor sincere. Their claims of its illegality are untenable, and their plans to set it aside are revolutionary. Their object is to hold out the false assertion that Tilden has been elected, and the false hope that he may be inaugurated. Laboring under the delusion that, by some species of legerdemain the inauguration of Hayes may be warded off, they desire to keep up in the minds of the people an uncertainty as to the result. But every Democratic lawyer and every member of the party who has taken the time to look into the subject knows well enough that Hayes has the electoral votes which make him President, and their proposition that the House shall assume powers not warranted by the Constitution, never before heard of, and never conceived before when Democrat after Democrat took the Presidential chair, simply shows the intensity of their desperation. It is true that the effect of Republicans coming forward with suggestions of improvements of the present system of counting the electoral vote has been a sort of consolation and encouragement to Democratic political tricksters, but it has not lost its beneficial results. It has thrown open the door of discussion, and has caused investigations, and the honest voter in the South will not have suffered in vain. Democratic desperation and Democratic frauds having been brought to light. The right has triumphed and Hayes will be inaugurated, and Democratic trickery has availed nothing to them, but much to the Republicans, since their base attempts at fraud have succeeded as much as anything else in convincing the people of the honest election of Hayes. We do not believe there will be any compromise or radical change in the system of counting the electoral vote. Day by day the prospects of a peaceable inauguration, notwithstanding Democratic bluster, grow more and more certain.

Mr. Tilden still continues to edit the Democratic papers throughout the country. The Liberty street (N. Y.) bureau still pours out daily its flood of articles calculated for different latitudes with great exactness, and distributed to the various degrees of latitude according to their needs. Besides furnishing editorials to the Bourbon editors all over the land in a beautiful uniformity of sentiment and indignation, there is good reason to believe that the Democratic Governors have been inspired by its potent suggestions. A strain of wonderful similarity pervades the recent messages of all these functionaries. In each document, after the usual discussion of State affairs, there is the inevitable stump speech on the political situation, exciting strong suspicions that the same wily genius shaped them all. That some of these Democratic editors, thus obligingly furnished with editorials ready made to their hands, have become disgusted with this method of treatment, is apparent from the following, which we clip from the Memphis *Avalanche*, a thoroughly sound Democratic paper, but one which prefers its own editorials to those furnished from New York by Governor Tilden:

The appearance in a large number of last week's country exchanges of an editorial entitled "Four Years from Now," and containing a semi-disguised appeal to the people to resort to force in a certain contingency, renders it apparent that the Liberty street bureau has been getting its work in again. We urge our country contemporaries to cease deceiving their readers by palming off on them, as home sentiment, machine editorials written in New York for the purpose of manufacturing public opinion. The assumption by the Eastern literary scalpers is that the country editors are either too lazy or incompetent to write, and that they will print anything labeled "Democratic." Therefore, articles are sent them, and when produced, reprinted in the North as genuine Democratic sentiment, whereas it is genuine fraud. The country editors are competent to edit their respective journals, and, as the Lebanon *Herald* did a few weeks ago, should resent the insult implied in the proffer to relieve them from control of their own newspapers.

The coal trade of 1876 was not so large as that of 1875, but the difference was not so great as might have been expected. The total amount of anthracite coal mined during the year 1876 is set down at 18,350,950 tons, against 19,880,082 for the year 1875, showing a decrease in 1876 compared with the preceding year of 1,529,132 tons. The whole bituminous tonnage from the beginning of the coal year is 3,650,163 tons, against 3,894,694 tons in the corresponding time the previous year, a decrease of 244,531 tons. The total tonnage of all kinds of coal for the coal year is 22,001,113 tons, against 23,774,776 tons to the same date in 1875, a decrease of 1,773,663 tons. The bituminous coal here set down is that portion of the bituminous coal trade which finds a market in the East. It includes the coal trade of the Cumberland region, the Broad Top and Clearfield regions, the Cambria county supply, and the gas coal sent East from Westmoreland county by the Pennsylvania road.

The statistics of the Western bituminous coal trade have not yet been compiled; but we think it will show an aggregate of about 7,000,000 tons. The Ohio river shipments will reach over 2,000,000 tons; the local consumption, here, and the shipments of coal and coke to the West by rail will add a nearly equal amount; and to this aggregate is to be added the shipments from the Ohio and Indiana coal fields and the Shenango Valley, in this State. A rough estimate would show the following results:

Bituminous coal sent East	3,650,163
Bituminous coal sent West by river	2,015,764
Bituminous coal received in Pittsburgh by rail	2,000,000
Bituminous coal mined at points West	2,500,000
Total tons	10,165,927

In some cases, tonnage is estimated at 2,000 pounds to the ton, and the others at 2,240; allowance for this difference would bring up this total to 11,000,000 short tons, which are the usual standard of measurement.

Great complaint is being made through the newspapers of the harsh treatment of patients in many of the insane asylums of this country. Mechanical restraint would seem to be far too freely used, not only under the immediate direction of the physician in charge, but at the discretion or convenience of the attendants. The result of all this is inevitably to impress the sense of imprisonment with the utmost force upon the mind of the patient, who sees and feels these restrictions long before any kindness of intention on the part of doctor or attendant can reach his troubled brain. Occupation, too, though not forbidden, seems to be discouraged in a systematic way. Amusement is to some extent provided for those well enough to share it, yet employment, a far more important factor in life, both in and out of an asylum, is strangely neglected. In England and Scotland, the contrary system has been tried with marked success. In several of the better-class asylums there, the patients are constantly employed in out-door and in-door occupations connected with the institution, such as gardening, sewing, household work, etc. Mechanical restraint is practically done away with, and locked doors and barred windows are almost a thing of the past, the patient being placed on parole. The principle that "the more you trust the more you may" has been found generally applicable to the insane, with the practical result of substituting for the prison-life of our asylums an amount of individual freedom and comfort, the value of which can be hardly overestimated. If the main features of this plan were introduced into our insane asylums, it is likely they would presently be looked upon with far more confidence than now.

The new Tennessee Senator for the long term, Isham G. Harris, who was elected over Senator Key, whose conservative position in regard to national affairs has been gall and wormwood to the fire-eaters of that State, is not only one of the bitterest secessionists of the South but a shameless thief as well. He was a representative in Congress from Tennessee from 1849 to 1853. In 1857 he was elected Governor of the State, and, holding that position at the outbreak of the rebellion, he threw his influence with the South, stealing the State school fund in order to take Tennessee out of the Union, and was the rebel Governor of the State during the war. Mr. Redfield, writing from Chattanooga on the 6th instant to the Cincinnati *Commercial* about the Senatorship, said:

The East Tennesseeans want Key, and the twenty-one Republicans in the Legislature prefer him to any such Bourbon politicians as Harris or Bate. But I fear Key is marked for slaughter. He is almost too liberal, patriotic and national in his feelings to receive honors at the hands of the Democracy in a State where they have about fifty thousand majority. They can throw out all the Liberal element any day and still have a handsome majority. But you may be sure of one thing—if Harris and Bate are sent to the Senate, the Republican party in Tennessee will grow, and grow rapidly. East Tennessee is already Republican, but she will be overwhelmingly so if these two Bourbons are made Senators. The Republicans secretly wish that to be done, for it will be a splendid card for them in future campaigns.

One result of the late robbery in the United States Treasury should be to effect a reform in the mode of appointments to responsible positions. The antecedents of the thief were of a very dubious character. Two Chicago banks were some years ago left insolvent by his remarkable operations, giving rise to charges of fraud and peculation against him. For so important a position as shipping clerk of the Treasury, whose duty it is to forward all money packages that are sent by express, it would certainly seem that no one against whom suspicion had ever been directed should for a moment be thought of. The Treasurer himself, though under heavy bonds for the safe keeping of the money, has very little say as to who shall hold places in his office. Indeed, the appointments in many cases appear to be made for him with very little deference to his wishes, and he is obliged to trust millions of treasure daily to persons of whom he knows little or nothing. This was one of the principal points of difference between General Spinner and Secretary Bristow. The sturdy old bulldog of the Treasury maintained that, as he was responsible for the safe keeping of the money, he should be allowed to choose those who were to assist him in that business, and this point the Secretary foolishly declined to yield. It is time to reform this loose practice.

Some of the religious papers are making war upon the amorous hymns which have crept into all or nearly all the books of praise used in the various churches; and now the war has extended to Sunday school hymns. In the *Golden Rule* Eugene Thayer writes rather vigorously as follows:

If we examine the words and music of the average Sunday school hymn and tune book what do we find? Save here and there a passable selection, nothing but a mass of stupid, incongruous stuff, nonsense and twaddle; illiterate, ungrammatical and utterly unpoetical jingle; and music that trash or dishwater would be too good a name for. And this is not the worst of it. The little innocents are actually obliged to sing this drivelling nonsense. Think of children beginning life with—

"'Twill all be over soon;
'Tis only for a moment here,
'Twill all be over soon."

Or singing such dismal meditations as this:

"A few more prayers,
A few more tears,
It won't be long. It won't be long."

Mr. Thayer condemns also "I Want to be an Angel." He says that no child does want to be an angel "when death is the price." Further, he says:

I have seen and played from a Sunday school book which had the words "For Jesus is my Savior" set to that drunkard's melody, "We Won't go Home till Morning." Three or four notes changed, but the rest note for note.

The New York correspondent of the Philadelphia *Inquirer* is authority for the statement that some dissatisfied Centennial exhibitors are still clamoring for awards, and expect, by hook or by crook, through the weakness or wickedness of some of the officials, to get a recognition that can be trumped up as an award. The records of the commission show that a resolution was passed directing the judges to entertain no new cases, and to close their work on or before November 14. Notwithstanding this it is averred that the Director General appointed two men in Philadelphia to examine other exhibits, and that the Executive Committee, without a shadow of law or right, declared awards for these passed. It is also stated that a house in New York having already had two awards, is clamoring for a third, and it is alleged that the Director General has instructed two men to examine the goods in their warerooms in New York and report to him. This statement would seem to be incredible, but the United States Centennial Commission should thoroughly investigate the whole matter.

Watterson proposes to have 100,000 Western and Southern Democrats in Washington, on the 14th of February, to demand the counting in of Tilden. Who is to pay their railroad fare, and their bills in Washington? Is Tilden willing to bleed, again, to the fearful extent of this demand? The $8,000 he sent to Oregon has proved a poor investment, thus far; and he is hardly foolish enough, we think, to hand over a million to be spent in transporting a lot of drunken bummers from the West to Washington, solely to manufacture public opinion. The Liberty street editorial bureau in New York, can surely make better public opinion than such an army of scarecrows can produce.

Banning, of Cincinnati, demands a resort to force to secure, as he says, "a pure ballot-box;" yet Banning was declared elected to Congress, last fall, by frauds at the ballot-box that would have shamed New York by their grossness. Eight men are now in the Ohio Penitentiary for casting 120 illegal votes for him, and his majority was only sixty-three. He will claim his seat in the next Congress, on the strength of these 120 fraudulent votes, and in the meantime will astonish the natives by blathering noisily for "a pure ballot-box!"

A good work. Since the organization of the Society for the Suppression of Vice, it has seized and destroyed 201,600 obscene pictures and photographs, 7,250 microscopic pictures, 350 engraved and copper plates, 536 wood cuts and electrotypes, 14,400 pounds of electrotype plates, 50 lithograph stones, 6,072 packages of obscene cards, and about 70,000 miscellaneous articles. Over 71,000 letters have been seized, besides 4,400 books in process of manufacture, 4,815 newspapers suppressed, and 6,000 names of dealers in obscene articles ascertained. During the past year fifty-one persons were arrested, and twenty-eight convicted.

Remarkable religious revivals are going on in Australia and New Zealand.

GENERAL AND PARTICULAR.

Young Bennett is said to be in doubt whether it's worse to be mother-in-lawed or brother-in-lawed.

The Boston Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals has just received a bequest of $30,000. Next.

The amount of suffering among the poor of Southern cities, as of those in the North, this winter, is said to be unprecedented.

The drought in California threatens to seriously affect the grain crop. This is a matter in which the whole world has an interest.

Professor Proctor declares that the sun's heat will last but 20,000,000 years longer. And they are raising the price of coal, too.

The New York Grand Jury have a fine opportunity to create a sensation by simply performing their duty in the Bennett-May affair.

Rich men's wills are generally as calamitous and remorseless as elections. Somebody is usually "counted out" and feels badly about it.

The appreciation in the value of cotton since October is equal to about $10 per bale, and is a good thing for both producers and factors.

A policeman is a handy thing to have in the house. A New York guardian of the peace the other day arrested his wife for disorderly conduct.

Handle with care. Two thousand Trenton potters have struck against a reduction of wages, and a rise in the price of crockery may be looked for.

Another step forward. The Harvard faculty, so far as their part in the matter goes, are reported ready to allow women the full privileges of the university.

Intoxicated persons, in Utica, arrested and found guilty, are now compelled to shovel snow in payment of their fines. This is worthy of imitation in other cities.

The law of compensation: In Minnesota every saloon and every liquor trafficker is taxed ten dollars each to support an asylum for inebriates now being built in that State.

A grand yachting voyage round the world, after the fashion of the Quaker City, celebrated by Mark Twain's "Innocents Abroad," is planned in London. The fare is to be $2,500.

As a result of disregarding the Scriptural injunction, a Brooklyn church building, which cost a quarter of a million dollars, was the other day sold for less than a third of that amount.

The mercury has been as low as two degrees below zero in South Carolina. All the oats put in the ground the past two months are hopelessly frozen out, and the barley is badly damaged.

The Pennsylvania Fruit Growers' Society will hold its eighteenth annual meeting at Lancaster, beginning next Wednesday. A large gathering of horticulturists and fruit growers is expected.

One hundred and thirty-eight vessels, estimated to be worth $3,618,667, were built in Maine, last year, with a tonnage of 73,573. There is a prospect of an increased amount of tonnage this year.

In the last month of 1876 there were thirty-three commercial failures in New York, with liabilities amounting to $1,873,298, and thirty assignments were made, involving a loss to creditors of $1,200,000.

A humane German doctrinaire, with thought to lessen the horrors of war to the innocent, suggests that a territory be set aside by the European Powers, and elaborately fitted up exclusively for bloodshed.

Doleful. For weeks past, in England, there has been a watery, leaden sky, a damp, depressing atmosphere, and not a glimpse of the sun, except once or twice when it has shown itself in a sickly way, as if laid up with jaundice.

The Theistic movement in India is spreading rapidly, having now one hundred and eight churches scattered through that country. In the Hindoo Theistic creed there are no dogmas. They repudiate caste and preach the brotherhood of all mankind.

Great destitution prevails in India in spite of the precautions taken for the relief of the sufferers. About 220,000 people are employed on the relief works, and quantities of grain are pouring into Bombay and thence to the districts threatened by famine. The crop prospects are very gloomy.

Thanks. Professor Archer, the British executive commissioner to the Centennial, in a paper recently read before the London Society of Arts, characterized the exhibition as without exception the greatest ever held in the world, saying that the Americans take up things in a wonderful way, on a giant scale, and always succeed in accomplishing their purpose.

The English importers of American beef intend opening shops for the sale of American meat in Liverpool, Manchester and other towns, the facilities for rapid distribution having hitherto been lacking. These establishments will still further interfere with the exorbitant profits of the butchers, besides narrowing yet more the market of the British cattle-raiser.

PERSONAL.

An Omaha paper lately employed an Indian on its local staff, and his first day's work was to get thirty-six red men into a free fight for the sake of an item.

The United States Court of Illinois has decided against reopening the settlement of the Douglass estate, which has been so persistently litigated in the interest of the "Little Giant's" widow.

Tupper recently published a number of rhymes in the New York *Evening Post* addressed to America. The editor of the *Post* cautiously spoke of the lines as "fluent," and the *Tribune*, taking this view of their merit, "run them in" as prose.

Alexis, the son of the Czar, is expected in this country every day, to stay a fortnight. He is considerably older than when here before, and if he shows as much good sense as Dom Pedro did while sojourning among us last summer, royalty will be a gainer in the good opinion of the great Republic.

Frederick Bastiat, political economist, is to have a monument raised to his memory in Mugron, his native town. Yet Henry C. Carey is a greater political economist, and his services are yet unhonored. The Philadelphia *Press* pertinently suggests that a Carey professorship at the Pennsylvania University would be a handsome tribute at the hands of our iron masters.

Some months ago an eccentric man named Charles Fox died in New York city, leaving a will in which he provided liberally for all his living relatives, giving each a stated sum, and bequeathing the balance of his property, amounting it is supposed, to between $100,000 and $150,000, to the United States Government, to be applied toward the payment of the public debt. A bill has been introduced in Congress providing for the appointment of a trustee to look after the interest of the Government and the settlement of the estate.

Snow in Northern Pennsylvania.

Prodigious stories of deep snow come from the northern part of the State. In Wayne county, last week, there was three feet of snow on the level, with drifts twenty-five feet deep. Roads have been filled, travel suspended, cattle buried, railroad trains blocked, and even farm buildings were completely blockaded. One old farmer is told of, whose family consisted of himself, wife and two daughters. Their house was nearly buried in the snow, and their only communication with the road was heaped its entire length with impassable drifts. Their peculiar situation was not discovered until Thursday, when farmers passing along the road saw that the lane leading to the house was drifted full. A force at once went to work and cut a road into the old farmer. With the help of his two daughters—his wife being too feeble to render any assistance—the old man had cut a passage to his barn, through a bank fifteen feet high, and twenty-five feet broad. They were compelled to use tin pans and a fire shovel, the only available implements they had at hand. This passage made, they had commenced to dig a way through the lane to the road. When discovered they had made considerable progress. The old man had been prostrated by the exhausting labor, and his two daughters were at work alone. The aid reached them most opportunely, as the provisions of the family were about gone and their wood nearly used up. The women could have never reached the road, and all would have perished, with hunger and cold.

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DISSOLUTION NOTICE

The partnership heretofore existing between the undersigned, under the firm name of SCHOMAKER & CO., has been this day dissolved by mutual consent, WM. SCHOMAKER having sold and transferred his interest in said partnership to his copartners, GUSTAVE LANGENHEIM and OTIS SHEPARD.

WM. SCHOMAKER,
GUSTAVE LANGENHEIM,
OTIS SHEPARD.

Pittsburgh, January 10, 1877.

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C. F. KUHLMAN.
C. F. BRETTHOLLE.

Allegheny City, January 9, 1877.

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP—THE partnership heretofore existing between the undersigned at Pittsburgh, Pa., under the names of E. W. McCLURE & CO. and McCLURE & CO., is this day dissolved by mutual consent, E. W. McCLURE retiring from the business, which will continue to be carried on by G. T. RAFFERTY, under the name of McCLURE & CO. The claims and accounts due by or to the late firm will be settled at No. 14 Smithfield street, Pittsburgh, Pa., by G. T. RAFFERTY.

E. W. McCLURE.
G. T. RAFFERTY.

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E. W. McCLURE.

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RAILROADS.

PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD—

On and after MONNDAY, December 11th, 1876, trains will leave Union Depot, Pittsburgh, as follows:

☞ CITY TIME. ☜

MAIN LINE EASTWARD.

Pacific Express daily, except Monday, at 2:56 a. m., arriving at Harrisburg at 11:45 a. m., Philadelphia 3.45 p. m., New York 6:45 p. m.

Mail Train daily, except Sunday, 7:16 a. m., arriving at Harrisburg 8:15 p. m.

Day Express daily, at 8:26 a. m., arriving at Harrisburg 3:55 p. m., Philadelphia 7:20 p. m., New York 10:15 p. m., Baltimore 7:35 p. m., Washington 9:07 p. m.

Atlantic Express daily at 12:51 p. m., arriving at Harrisburg 11:05 p m, Philadelphia 3:10 a m, New York 6:15 a m.

Philadelphia Express daily, except Sunday, 4:31 p m, arriving at Harrisburg 2:40 a m, Philadelphia 7:00 a m, New York 10:45 a m.

Fast Line daily at 8:06 p m, arriving at Harrisburg 3:50 a m, Philadelphia 7:35 a m, New York 10:25 a m, Baltimore 7:45 a m, Washington 9:12 a m.

Johnstown Accommodation, 3:31 p m.

Wall's Accommodation, 6:41, 10:21, 11:46 a m., 2:41, 5:01, 5:46, 6:11 and 11:31 p m. Sunday 12:46 p m.

Brinton Accommodation, 6:06 a m and 9:26 p m. Sunday 9:26 p m.

Wilkinsburg Accommodation 9:21 a m, 1:41, 3:11, 5:21, 7:21 and 10:11 p m.

MAIN LINE WESTWARD

Trains arrive at Union Depot (city time) as follows:

Mail Train daily, except Monday	12:41 a m
Pittsburgh Express daily, except Monday	7:51 a m
Cincinnati Express daily	8:11 a m
Pacific Express daily	1:41 p m
Way Passenger daily	8:26 p m
Fast Line daily	11:11 p m
Johnstown Accommodation	10:26 a m

Wall's Accommodation 5:16 9:01 a m. 1:21, 2:41 5:5', 7:17 and 7:56 p m. Sunday, 10:01 a m. and 7:11 p m.

Brinton Accommodation, 7:41 and 8:16 a m, and 11:16 p m. On Sunday 7:56 p m.

Wilkinsburg Accommodation, 7:11, 11:46 a m, 3:06, 4:41, 7:31 and 9:21 p m.

SOUTHWEST PENN. RAILWAY.
No Change of Cars.

Youghiogheny Express, except Sunday, 8:36 a m.
Uniontown Express, daily, except Sunday, 4:36 p m.

Trains arrive from Uniontown at 9:55 a m and 6:01 p m.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA DIVISION.
From Federal Street Depot, Allegheny City.
City Time:

Mail Train, connecting for Butler, 7:11 a m.
Express, connecting for Butler, 2:31 p m.
Butler Accommodation, 9:31 a m. On Sunday 7:46 a m.
Freeport Accommodation, 4:56 p m.
Springdale Accommodation, 11:31 a m, 6:16 and 11:31 p m. On Sunday at 12:51 and 9 11 p m.
Sharpsburg Accommodation, 8:41 p m.
Market Train for Butler, 3:51 p m.

Trains arrive at Federal Street Depot (city time):
Express, connecting from Butler, 9:58 a m.
Mail Train, connecting from Butler, 5:26 p m.
Butler Accommodation, 1:06 p m. On Sunday 6:56 p m.
Freeport Accommodation, 8:06 a m.
Springdale Accommodation, 6:31 a m 3:51 and 7:16 p m. On Sunday at 9:31 a m and 6:41 p m.
Sharpsburg Accommodation, 9:51 p m.
Market Train from Butler, 9:01 a m.

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BALTIMORE AND OHIO RAILROAD —PITTSBURGH DIVISION.

On and after DECEMBER 4, 1876, trains on this road will depart from and arrive at Depot, corner Grant and Water streets, as follows, Pittsburgh time:

DEPART.		ARRIVE.	
Fayette Co. Ac.	7:10 a m	McKeesport Ac	6:45 a m
McKeesport Ac.	8:42 a m	McKeesport Ac	7:40 a m
Through Mail	9:24 a m	W. Newton Ac	8:25 a m
McKeesport Ac.	11:20 a m	Through Ex.	8:35 a m
McKeesport Ac	3:20 p m	Uniontown Ex.	9:40 a m
Uniontown Ex.	3:55 p m	McKeesport Ac	12:40 p m
McKeesport Ac	4:15 p m	McKeesport Ac	2:00 p m
W. Newton Ac	5:05 p m	Fayette Co. Ex.	5:33 p m
McKeesport Ac	6:20 p m	McKeesport Ac	6:05 p m
Through Ex.	7:00 p m	McKeesport Ac	7:32 p m
McKeesport Ac	11:15 p m	Through Mail	8:20 p m
Church Train	12:45 p m	Church Train	10:05 a m
Church Train	9:30 p m	Church Train	6:45 p m
Through Ex.	11:40 p m		

Through Express arrives daily. Through Mail arrives daily, except Sunday.

Accommodation Trains and Fayette County Express daily, except Sunday.

Through Mail leaving at 9:24 a m. daily, except Sunday, arrives at Washington 9 10 p m, Baltimore 10:30 p m, Richmond 7:05 a m, Philadelphia 3:05 a m, New York 6:25 a m.

Through Express leaving at 7 p m daily, except Sunday, arrives at Washington 6:35 a m, Baltimore 8.30 a m, Richmond 1:30 p m, Philadelphia 1:15 p m, New York 5:05 p m.

Through Express leaving at 11 p m, Sundays only, arrives at Washington 12 noon, Baltimore 1:40 p m, Philadelphia 4:50 p m.

QUICK TIME TO MOUNT PLEASANT, CONNELLSVILLE AND UNIONTOWN.

Leave Pittsburgh 9:24 a m. arrive at Connellsville 11:16 a m, Uniontown 11:44 a m.

Leave Pittsburgh 3:55 p m, arrive at Connellsville 6:06 p m, Uniontown 6:45 p m.

Pullman Sleeping Coaches on Through Express, and Elegant Day Coaches on Through Mail Trains.

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E. K. HYNDMAN, Superintendent.
L. M. COLE, General Ticket Agent.
R. EVANS, Passenger Agent.

PITTSBURGH, CINCINNATI AND ST. LOUIS RAILWAY, PAN HANDLE ROUTE.

On and after SUNDAY, November 26, 1876, trains will leave from and arrive at the Union Depot, Pittsburgh, as follows, Pittsburgh time:

DEPART.		ARRIVE.	
Steubenville Ac.	7:17 a m	McDonald's Ac	6:47 a m
Pacific Express	8:42 a m	Cincinnati Ex.	6:02 a m
Washington Ac	9:17 a m	Washington Ac	8:23 a m
McDonald's Ac.	11:02 a m	Dennison Ac.	9:42 a m
Dennison Ac.	3:52 p m	McDonald's Ac	2:02 p m
Washington Ac	4:52 p m	Washington Ac	2:52 p m
McDonald's Ac	6:12 p m	Steubenville Ac	6:07 p m
Mansfield Ac.	11:02 p m	Fast Line	7:5' p m
Fast Line	11:32 p m	Mansfield Ac.	7:17 p m
Sunday Church Train	12:47 p m	Sunday Church Train	9:57 a m
Sunday Church Train	9:42 p m		

Pacific Express and Fast Line leave daily.
Cincinnati Express, Fast Line and Mansfield Accommodation arrive daily.
All other trains will run daily, except Sundays.
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W. L. O'BRIEN, General Passenger and Ticket Agent.

PITTSBURGH, FORT WAYNE AND CHICAGO RAILWAY, CLEVELAND AND PITTSBURGH RAILROAD.

On and after December 4th, 1876, trains will leave from and arrive at the Union Depot, Pittsburgh, city time, as follows:

LEAVE.		ARRIVE.	
Crestline Mail	6:12 a m	Atlantic Ex.	2:42 a m
Erie and Ashtabula Ex.	7:27 a m	Wheeling Ex.	10:47 a m
Clev & W Mail	8:32 a m	Chicago Ex.	12:27 p m
Chicago Ex.	9:12 a m	Erie and Ashtabula Ex.	3:12 p m
Clev & Whg Ex.	1:52 p m	Chicago Mail	3:42 p m
Pacific Ex.	2:42 p m	Cleveland Ex.	3:52 p m
Wheeling Ex.	4:17 p m	Chicago and St. Louis Ex.	7:47 p m
Erie & Wrn Ex.	3:37 p m	Cleve & W Ex.	7:57 p m
Fast Line	11:52 p m	Pacific Ex.	11:27 p m
Depart from Allegheny.		Arrive in Allegheny.	
Beaver Falls Ac.	8:47 a m	Leetsdale Ac.	6:42 a m
Leetsdale Ac.	10:27 a m	Leetsdale Ac.	7:27 a m
Leetsdale Ac.	12:12 p m	Beaver Falls Ac	7:57 a m
Sharpsville Ac.	1:12 p m	Enon Ac.	8:47 a m
Leetsdale Ac.	2:57 p m	Sharpsville and Warren Ac.	10:12 a m
Enon Ac.	3:37 p m	Leetsdale Ac.	12:52 p m
Leetsdale Ac.	5:12 p m	Leetsdale Ac.	2:12 p m
Beaver Falls Ac.	6:32 p m	Beaver Falls Ac	5:12 p m
Leetsdale Ac.	9:27 p m	Leetsdale Ac.	6:12 p m
Leetsdale Ac.	11:22 p m	Leetsdale Ac.	10:02 p m
Fair Oaks Sunday Church	12:42 p m	Fair Oaks Sunday Church	9:52 a m

Pacific Express Leaves Daily.
Fast Line Leaves Daily, except Saturday.
Chicago Express Arrives Daily.
Atlantic Express Arrives Daily, Mondays excepted.
All other trains Leave and Arrive Daily, Sundays excepted.

J. D. LAYNG, General Manager.
F. R. MYERS, General Passenger and Ticket Agent.

ALLEGHENY VALLEY RAILROAD.

On and after MONDAY, December 11, 1876, trains will leave from and arrive at the Union Depot, Pittsburgh, as follows, city time:

LEAVE.		ARRIVE.	
Arnolds Park Ac	6:50 a m	Night Express	6:20 a m
Buffalo Express	8:15 a m	Arnolds Park Ac	6:30 a m
Soda Wks Ac.	10:15 a m	Soda Wks Ac.	8:10 a m
Freeport Ac.	1:40 a m	Arnolds Park Ac	9:55 a m
Titusville Ex.	1:55 p m	Emlenton & Reynoldsville Ac.	11:15 a m
Emlenton & Reynoldsville Ac.	3:20 p m	Soda Wks Ac.	1:45 p m
Arnolds Park Ac	5:00 p m	Titusville Ex.	6:20 p m
Soda Wks Ac.	6:15 p m	Freeport Ac.	6:50 p m
Night Express	8:25 p m	Arnolds Park Ac	7:30 p m
Arnolds Park Ac	11:00 p m	Buffalo Ex.	7:58 p m

All Trains Daily, except Sunday.

Church Train—Leaves Soda Works at 8:40 a m, arriving at Pittsburgh at 10:05 a m. Returning, leaves Pittsburgh at 12:40 p m, arrive at Soda Works at 2:05 p m., stopping at all Stations.

Sunday Special—Leaves Pittsburgh at 8:15 a m, arriving at Emlenton 12:35 p m. Returning, leaves Emlenton 3:40 p m, arriving at Pittsburgh 7:35 p m, stopping at all stations.

Pullman's Palace Sleeping Cars on Night Express between Pittsburgh and Titusville.

Buffalo Express north connects at Red Bank with train on Low Grade Division for Brookville and Driftwood, making connections at Driftwood with trains on the P. and E. R. R. eastward to Williamsport, and westward to Emporium, Olean and points on B. N. Y. and P. R. R.

Buffalo Express, north and south, connect at Red Bank with trains on Low Grade Division for Sligo, Brookville and Reynoldsville.

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FINANCE AND TRADE.

THURSDAY EVENING, January 11, 1877.

The money market continued quiet to-day with the abundant volume of funds seeking employment prominent as the conspicuous feature. Prime commercial paper is not offering in any considerable volume as yet, and discount transactions are dull. Some business in prime commercial paper is done as low as 6 per cent., although the nominal rates are quoted at 7@9 per cent.; loans on first class collaterals can be made at 5½@7 per cent., and we hear of occasional business under exceptional circumstances at 5 per cent. The national banks are publishing statements of their condition on December 22, 1876, which shows generally a very strong position as regards reserve and resources. One of the principal features shown by these reports will be the reduction in circulation which has taken place during the past year. The meeting of the Monongahela Navigation Company was an event of some interest, and the payment of its dividend was quite satisfactory to the stockholders. The progress of the January settlements so far has been pretty satisfactory, mercantile collections being quite fair.

—A decision was made in New York recently establishing the principle that when parties make contracts for the purchase or sale of gold in the Gold Exchange rooms and agree to be governed by the rules of the Gold Board, such contracts can be legally enforced, although the contracting parties are not members of the Gold Board. This decision was given in the suit brought by George L. Chadwell as assignee of George C. Jones, against Jay Gould and others, and grows out of transactions on the memorable Black Friday, on which occasion Jay Gould and his allies in getting up a corner in gold figured so prominently and from which they came out so disastrously defeated. It is alleged that Mr. Jones purchased $50,000 worth of gold on the 23d of September, 1869, to be delivered on the ensuing day, and for which he was to be paid $71,812 53 in currency. The contract was made in the New York Gold Board, and the agreement was that the transaction should be in accordance with the rules of the Gold Exchange, which rules required that if a member fails to fulfil his contract to purchase or sell gold the other party might employ one of the officers to sell or purchase, and then pay over the surplus or require the deficiency, as the case might be. As Mr. Gould and his co contractors refused on the next day to accept the gold, the same was sold for $65,000, being the highest price that could be obtained for it. The suit is for $6,875 difference. A demurrer was interposed, on the ground that the complaint did not state sufficient causes of action. The following is Judge Barrett's opinion, and which, as will be seen, is short, sharp and decisive:

> It seems only necessary to say that the rules of the Gold Exchange were a part of the contract, and that the sale was made in strict conformity to those rules. The rules, it is true, were made for members; but when those who are not members engraft such rules upon their contracts they cannot escape their effect on the plea of non-membership. As to notice, it is not required by the rule. The complaint is therefore to be viewed simply as though it averred that in case of a breach the opposite party might employ one of the officers of the board to purchase and sell, etc., and that the defendants being guilty of a breach, the plaintiffs' assignee did employ one of such officers, who accordingly did sell, &c. In Keep vs. Gould the effect of the rule was not discussed, nor is there anything in the opinion to indicate that the rule was pleaded. The demurrer should therefore be overruled upon the merits; but as there are some clerical errors in the complaint which justified the demurrer there should, as agreed upon the argument, be judgment for the defendants without costs, and with leave to the plaintiff to amend his complaint within twenty days, without costs.

—According to a statement just compiled by Hon. John Jay Knox, Comptroller of the Currency, New York State now contains 1,131 establishments doing a banking business. Of this number six are classed as private banks, and 529 as regular banking institutions. The 1,131 establishments are credited with a paid up capital of $162,748,486, of which $103,597,191 is owned by national banks. In addition to their capital the banks report a surplus of $70,570,266, and "other undivided profits" amounting to $20,339,347. The individual deposits of all the establishments named in Mr. Knox's statement aggregate $676,955,363. Of this amount the national banks in the State held $237,175,492; the State banks $57,766,912; the savings banks $319,260,202; the trust companies $47,954,022, and private bankers $15,788,735.

—An exchange notes a scarcity of silver coin in the Southern States. It says:

> It is curious to see how fast the silver is disappearing from circulation in the Southern States. Banks in the Southern cities have obtained large quantities of it, and have paid it out liberally. But it does not get into general circulation. The Nashville banks are said to have paid out large quantities, but still the fractional currency of the vicinity is almost exclusively paper. This hoarding comes from the belief that, whatever may happen in the turmoil of politics and the hazards of trade, silver and gold can never be repudiated, and the one who holds them is absolutely safe. This steady demand has its effect on the price of gold and silver to steady the price, this force being felt at New York in its exact proportion to the foreign market.

[By Associated Press.]

Gold Closed at 106.

MONEY.

NEW YORK, January 11.—Money mainly 5@6 per cent., closing at 3. Prime mercantile paper 5@6 per cent. Customs receipts $288,000. The Assistant Treasurer disbursed $637,000. Clearings $28,000,000. Sterling dull at 483@486.

GOLD.

Gold opened and closed at 106, with sales in the interim at 105⅞. Carrying rates 7@4 per cent. Silver at London is unchanged; here bar silver is 131½ per ounce bid in greenbacks and 124 in gold: silver coin 123½ bid.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Government bonds active and steady. Railroad bonds generally firm. State securities better for Tennessee olds; others steady. Stocks irregular and with but few exceptions lower. Illinois Central fluctuated between 65@65½, closing at the latter price and there was a difference of ¼@⅜ per cent. between cash and regular; New Jersey Central declined 1 per cent.; Western Union was well sustained. Transactions only 67,000 shares, of which 23,000 were Western Union, 8,000 St. Paul, 11,000 Lake Shore, 4,000 Michigan Central, 5,000 Delaware, Lackawanna and Western, 4,000 New Jersey Central and 5,000 Illinois Central. The following were the closing quotations:

STOCKS.

West. Union Tel...	73¾	N. J. Central.......	35½
Quicksilver.......	15	Rock Island.......	100⅜
Do. preferred....	20½	St. Paul.........	19⅜
Pacific Mail......	22⅞	Do. preferred......	51⅛
Mariposa.........	6¼	Toledo & Wabash...	6
Do. preferred.....	7	Ft. Wayne.........	100⅜
Adams Express....	101½	Terre Haute.........	3½
Wells-Fargo Ex....	86	Do. preferred......	14
American Ex.......	57½	Chicago & Alton....	99
United States Ex..	55½	Do. preferred....	109
New York Central.	101⅛	Ohio & Mississippi..	7
Erie..............	9⅜	Del. & Lack.......	76⅛
Do. preferred.....	17¼	Atlantic & P. Tel..	15⅛
Harlem...........	137	Missouri Pacific....	3
Do. preferred....	133	Atlantic & P. pref.	2
Michigan Central.	47⅝	Indiana Central.....	3¼
Panama..........	123	Bur & Quincy.....	117½
Lake Shore.......	54⅜	Hannibal & St. Joe.	12¾
Illinois Central...	65½	Union Pac. stock..	60
Cleve. and Pitts...	90½	Central Pac. bds...	108¼
Northwestern.....	35¾	Union Pac. bds....	103
Do. preferred.....	56	Do. land grants..	101¼
C., C., C. & I.......	38	Do. S. F. bonds..	94⅝

GOVERNMENTS.

U. S. coupons, 1881	112¼	New 5's..........	111¼
5-20's, 1865......	108⅝	New 4½'s.........	107¾
5-20's, 1865, new..	109⅝	10-40's, registered..	112⅛
5-20's, 1867.......	112	10-40's, coupons....	112⅝
5-20's, 1868.......	112⅝	Currency 6's.......	121¾

STATE BONDS.

Tennessee, old....	45½	Virginia, old......	30
Tennessee, new....	43¾	Missouri 6's......	104⅝
Virginia, new......	29		

LONDON, January 11, 5 P. M.—Business at the Stock Exchange was lifeless, pending news from to-day's sittings of the conference. The continued wet weather also depressed all kinds of business. The prevailing opinion was that there will not be war, even if the conference breaks up. The exceptional strength of consols was due to the cheapness of money, and a growing feeling that whatever Russia and Turkey may do, England will not be embroiled. The bullion in the Bank of England decreased £216,000 the past week. The proportion of bank reserve to liabilities is 41⅛ per cent. The amount of bullion withdrawn on balance to-day is £193,000. Consols 95 3-16. United States bonds—5-20's, 1865, 105; do 1867, 108¼; 10-40's, 108⅛; new 5's, 107¼. Railroad securities—New York Central 99; Erie 9¼; preferred 18.

PARIS, January 11.—The specie in the Bank of France decreased nearly 10,000,000 francs the past week. Rentes 106 francs 40 centimes.

FRANKFORT, January 11.—United States bonds—New 5's 102¼.

NEW ORLEANS, January 10.—Gold 106½@106¾. Sight exchange on New York ¼ per cent. discount. Sterling exchange 512.

GENERAL MARKETS.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH COMMERCIAL, }
THURSDAY, January 11, 1877. }

The most important change we have to note in the market is an advance of ½c per lb on lard. There are a number of other slight alterations in quotations, which the attentive reader will readily discover. The market rules about the same as for days past—quiet and firm.

There are some slight indications of a thaw, which we hope will not prove deceptive, as the opening of river navigation would most assuredly set the wheels of trade in active motion, and cause business to resume its accustomed channels. But we will not occupy space in speculations as to the future, and in the hope that there are better and brighter days in store for all, we annex quotations for this day:

The receipts of the leading articles of produce in this city since our last are as follows:

Flour, bbls.........	1,361	Corn, bus..........	1,235
Apples.............	22	Wheat, bus.........	75
Barley.............	900	Oats, bus..........	3,334
Butter, pkgs.......	37	Bacon, pcs........	3,650
Potatoes, bush....	40	Bacon, tcs.........	24
Hay, bales.........	390		

The quotations given in the following reports are prices realized in wholesale transactions, unless otherwise specified. On small sales, dealers will charge an advance. Prices of grain, unless stated to the contrary, are free in elevator.

Grain, Flour and Feed.

GRAIN—The grain market presents no new features. The receipts are light and the market continues to rule quiet and firm. We do not alter our figures, and quote as follows: Prime red wheat $1 40@1 43 ₱ bushel; prime amber $1 43@1 45; prime white $1 45@1 50. Corn is firm on new ear, and prices are steady, as follows: Old shelled 55@57c ₱ bushel for prime yellow and high mixed; new ear 53@55c; prime new shelled 51@53c. Oats are in good supply but no lower: sales at 40@41c ₱ bushel for prime white; mixed 38@39c. Rye is quoted at 73@75c. Barley quiet at 85c for choice; 75@80c for good to prime spring; prime fall $1 00; low grades 60c; market dull; jobbing sales at the customary advance.

FLOUR—The flour market is reported firm, active, and prices of choice brands tending upward. Stock ample to meet all local and shipping demands. The following are the figures at which sales are effected: No. 1 white wheat flour $8 00 ₱ barrel; No. 1 amber do $7 75; prime red wheat flour $7 50; in sacks 25c less ₱ barrel; Wisconsin $6 50@6 75; Minnesota $7 00@7 25; fancy St. Louis $9 00@9 25; Graham flour $6 75@7 25; cornmeal 70c ₱ bushel; oatmeal $7 50@8 00 ₱ barrel; kegs $4 00@4 50; rye flour $4 75@5 00 ₱ barrel.

HAY—The receipts of baled hay are light, but loose, from country, is in abundant supply. The market is moderately active with sales at the following figures: Wagon $12 00@14 00 ₱ ton; No. 1 timothy $13 00@15 00; No. 2 timothy $11 00@12 00 from first hands baled. Prairie—Upland $10 00@13 00; mixed $9 00@10 00.

MILL FEED—Is steady at the following rates: Bran $14 00@14 50 ₱ ton; middlings $20 00@22 00; seconds and shipstuffs $15 00@17 00; chopped feed $20 00@22 00.

Country Produce.

APPLES—Prime unfrosted apples are scarce and in demand at $1 50@1 60 ₱ barrel; fair to good $1 25@1 50; common 80c@$1 00, and dull sale.

APPLE BUTTER—The market is quiet with sales at 40@45c ₱ gallon.

BEESWAX—Is quoted at 28@30 ₱ lb.

BEANS—Are in fair demand at $1 90@2 00 for prime white navy.

BROOM CORN—Prices unchanged. Choice hurl 6@7c, as to quality; brush that will work up 5@5½c; medium green 4@4½c; red-topped 3@4c; inferior not desired; crooked in fair demand at about 33 per cent. off the prices given, as to quality.

BUTTER—Prime butter is in fair receipt and good demand at lower rates. We quote as follows: Choice creamery rolls 28@30c; prime to choice solid packed 15@17c; do roll 20@25c; choice dairy rolls 24@26c.

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR—Is moderately active and steady. Prime quality we quote at $3 75@4 00 per cwt.; $7 25@7 50 per bbl.

CHEESE—We quote prime Ohio factory at 14@14½c in round lots; jobbing at 14½@15c. New York Goshen 16c in round lots; 15½@16c in a jobbing way. Young American 18c; nutmeg 17c.

CRANBERRIES—The supply is sufficient and prices remain at $8 00@10 00 ₱ bbl; $3 25@3 50 ₱ bushel.

CIDER—Prices range from $3 50@4 50, barrel included, for common; $5 00@5 50 for extra choice.

DRIED FRUITS—Dull and prices unchanged. We quote dried apples nominal at 4½@5c ₱ lb for prime, and 5¼@6c for fancy; dried peaches 11@12c; evaporated peaches 35c.

DRIED PEAS—There is a good demand for new crop at $1 50@1 75 ₱ bushel.

SEEDS—There is yet but little inquiry. The asking rates from store are: Cloverseed $8 90@9 25 ₱ bushel of 62 lbs; timothy seed $2 00@2 15.

EGGS—Very scarce, with a good demand at unchanged prices. We quote: Strictly fresh 30@32c ₱ dozen, and scarce; pickled are plenty at 22@25c, and not fancied.

FEATHERS—Choice are quoted at 60@65c in wholesale lots; lower qualities 50@55c.

POULTRY—Dressed chickens sell for 12@13c ₱ lb. The market is reported dull. We quote live turkeys at 75c@$1 00 each; dressed 12@14c ₱ lb. Dressed chickens 12@13c ₱ lb; live chickens in coop 40@45c ₱ pair. Ducks, live, 45@50c ₱ pair; dressed 12@14c ₱ lb. Geese 50@60c each.

POTATOES—Prices are firm. We quote: Prime peachblows, car lots, on track, $1 20@1 30 ₱ bushel; early rose, car lots, on track, $1 15@1 25; do, from store, $1 30@1 60; Jersey sweets, ₱ barrel $4 50@5 00; Baltimore sweets, choice, $3 50@4 00; Southern sweet, $3 00@4 00.

VINEGAR—There is a moderate demand at 17@19c ₱ gallon for prime country stock; 14@15c for best city make.

WOOL—Common fleece, ₱ lb, 33c; ¼ to full blood, ₱ lb, 33@37c; combing, ₱ lb, 40c; tubwashed, ₱ lb, 38c; city pullings, ₱ lb, 25@30; unwashed, ₱ lb, 18@20c.

Provisions.

BACON—The receipts of bulkmeats foot up 3,650 pieces. We quote as follows: Shoulders 8c ₱ lb; short rib sides 9¾c; clear sides 10@10¼c.

CUT AND CURED MEATS—Hams are firm at 12¾c ₱ lb for extra sugar-cured. Breakfast bacon rules easy, and we quote sugar-cured at 13¼c. Sugar-cured shoulders were steady at 9¼c. Dried beef, sugar-cured, was firm at 15c. Beef tongues, per dozen, are quoted at $6 50.

LARD—Following are the ruling quotations: Kettle lard, tierces, 12½c; ¼ bbls 13c; pails 13½c. Refined lard—Tierces 13c; ½-bbls 13¼c; 20-lb pails 13½c; 3-lb tin pails 15¼c; 5-lb do, 15c; 6-lb do, 15c; 3-lb caddies, 15¼c; 5-lb do 15c. Leaf lard 12c in tierces.

LARD OIL—Market quiet at the following quotations: Extra winter strained 95@98c ₱ gal; No. 1, 76@78c; No. 2, 60@62c.

MESS PORK—Following are the ruling quotations: $18 50@19 00 ₱ bbl. The market is reported quiet and firm.

TALLOW—We quote chandlers', city rendered, at 9@9¼c ₱ lb; country do 7¾@8c ₱ lb; rough 5½@6c ₱ lb.

Groceries.

The market is reported firm at the following figures. We do not alter our quotations, with a fair trade doing:

Green Coffees.	₱ lb.	*Sugars.*	₱ lb.
Fancy Rio.........	25½c	Standard A.........	12 c
Choice Rio.........	24½c	Standard B.........	11⅞c
Prime Rio.........	23½c	Do. extra C.........	11¾c
Good Rio.........	21 c	Extra C—yel.	9¾@10⅛c
Ordinary Rio.....	20 c	C—yellow.....	9½@ 9⅞c
Java...............	30½c	Franklin, B.	10¼@10½c
Roasted Coffees.		New Orleans.	8¼@10½c
Rio, in papers.......	29 c	Cut Loaf.........	13⅝c
24 grades do. 25	@26½c	Crushed.........	12⅞c
Rio, in bulk......	28½c	Powdered.........	12¼c
Java, in papers....	32 c	Granulated.........	12½c
Java, in bulk......	30½c	*Molasses.*	₱ gall.
Teas.		Str'y ch. N. O...	60@62c
Young Hyson.	25c@$1 00	Prime.........	55@58c
Gunpowder....	35c@ 90	*Syrups.*	
Imperial......	30c@ 80	Ex. white drips..	61@65c
Japan.........	25c@ 85	Sugar drips.........	55c
Oolong.........	25c@ 85	Lower grades....	25@45c
Fancy do......	1 00	*Starch.*	₱ lb
Souchong.....	28c@ 75	Pearl.........	3¼@4 c
Spices (whole.)		Silver gloss.........	9½c
Cloves.........	45 c	Corn.........	7¾@10¼c
Allspice.........	17 c	Chicago gloss......	8 c
Cassia.........	30@31 c	Chicago corn......	8½c
Nutmegs.........	$1 15	*Rice.*	
Pepper.........	18 c	Choice Car'la..	6¼@7 c
Soaps.		Louisiana....	5½@6¾c
Irish soap, ₱ box..	$4 20	*Soda.*	
S. S. Star, ₱ box...	5 75	Bi-carb, in kegs	4½@5 c
Babbitt's best, ₱ bx	6 75	Bi-carb, in 10-lb pkgs	5 c
Gold do.........	6 25	Bi-carb, in lb papers.	6¼c
Extra olive do....	3 80	*Candles.*	
Do. N. Y. City, ₱ lb.	9 c	Star, full w't......	16 c
German mottled do	7 c	Stearine......	11@13 c
California, ₱ box..	$4 20	Mould.........	11½c

FISH—Following are the ruling quotations at which sales are made:

	Per bbl.		Per bbl.
Extra No. 1 Mess mackerel.........	$27 00	Round herring....	$6 00
Extra No. 1 shore	20 00	Split Labrador do	7 50
Extra No. 1 bay	17 00	Lake Pick., hf-bbls	3 50
Extra No. 2 large	12 00	Lake Herring, do.	3 00
No. 2 medium....	12 50	L'ge Georges codfish, ₱ lb.........	6
Large No. 3.......	11 00	Medium Georges.	5¼
No. 3 medium....	8 50	Halibut, ₱ lb......	12½
Whitefish, hf-bbls	5 00	No. 1 Herring, ₱ bx	35
Lake Trout, do ..	4 50	Scaled herring do	40

FOREIGN FRUITS—The market is quiet at unchanged prices. We quote: Layers raisins, new, per box, $2 25; London layers, new, $3 25; Muscatel $2 30; mat raisins $4 65 ₱ mat; Valentias, new, 10c ₱ lb; Sultanas 17c. Dates 8@8¼c ₱ lb. Currants 7½c. Citron 30c. Prunes 6½c. Almonds—Languedoc 23c; do shelled 38c; do Princess 37c; do Jordan 55c, do Ivica 22c. Walnuts—Naples 20c; Marbot 15c; Sicily filberts 16c. Smyrna figs, new, 18c. Brazil nuts 10c. Maccaroni 11@18c. Tapioca 10c. Lemons—Palermo, ₱ box, $5 00. Oranges—Florida $3 50 ₱ hundred. Cocoanuts $7 50 ₱ hundred.

CANNED GOODS—No change in prices. We quote green peas, 2 lb cans ₱ dozen, $2 25; raspberries do $2 00; strawberries do $1 75; gooseberries do $1 30; pineapples do, $2 20; blackberries do, $1 50; peaches, 3 lb cans per doz, $2 25; tomatoes do, $1 90; pickles, bbls, $8 50; half-bbls, $5 00.

Petroleum.

January 11.—The market continues very much demoralized. This, however, has been the situation for some time. There is no demand and holders are not forcing the market; many of the refiners are still engaged in filling contracts made last month for January delivery. They at least are well pleased with the situation and would like to have a few more contracts at the same prices. We quote to the home trade 27c. The Eastern markets are very dull. No sales reported in any of the leading cities. At New York spot oil is nominal at 27c; futures not quotable, there being no buyers: cases 32@34c. At Baltimore and Philadelphia prices rule the same as New York, 27c for spot; cases 31@32c. No sales for future delivery have been reported for some time. Holders show no anxiety to sell.

PARKERS, January 11, 5:50 P. M.—The crude oil market has been quiet throughout the day, United and Conduit opening at $3 53½, declined to $3 52½, then advanced to $3 58½, again declined to $3 55, which may be quoted as the closing figure. Shipment held for $3 80, with no demand. No open quotations for Union. Shipments from the lower district yesterday 14,760 barrels.

[By Western Union Telegraph.]

OIL CITY, January 11.—The *Derrick* says of yesterday's market: The opening sales were at $3 58½, from which point it shortly advanced to $3 61½, dropped to $3 56½, advanced to $3 59½, and hung at about $3 59½ at noon. The first sales after dinner were at $3 55, from which it declined to $3 52½@3 51¼ before two P. M. It then rallied again to $3 55, weakened and declined to $3 52½@3 53½ throughout the greater part of the afternoon. Shortly before the close it advanced to $3 56½, but declined before six P. M., and closed at $3 54¾, at which price the final sales were made, shippers doing but little. The daily average shipments from the river district for the month is about 20,000 barrels. A fair quotation this afternoon would be $3 70, at which there were some offerings. Sales 60,000 barrels.

NEW YORK, January 11, closing 10.—Market neglected, yet prices are without change, there being no pressure to sell. We quote New York delivery: Crude in bulk 15c; in barrels 18c; city naptha 15c in shipping order; refined in barrels 27c for spot; cases 32@34c. At Philadelphia and Baltimore refined, spot, rules at 27c.

PARKERS, January 11.—Market unsettled; United $3 55; shipment held at $3 80; other lines nominally $3 67½.

TITUSVILLE, January 11.—Market quiet but firm at $3 55.

OIL CITY, January 11.—Market firm; sellers scarce; $3 55 bid for United; immediate shipment nominally $3 70.

ROUSEVILLE, January 11.—Market quiet; no business; quoted at $3 60.

TIDIOUTE, January 11.—Market quiet at $3 62½@3 65.

PHILADELPHIA, January 11.—Market very dull and strictly nominal: crude 14¼c in bulk; 16c in barrels; standard white 27c; cases 31c.

[By Associated Press.]

NEW YORK, January 11.—Petroleum nominal; crude 15c; refined 27c; cases 32@34c; city naptha 15c.

PHILADELPHIA, January 11.—Petroleum firm; crude in barrels 16½c; refined 27c.

BALTIMORE, January 11.—Petroleum firm; crude 12¾@12½c; refined nominally 27c.

LIVERPOOL, January 11.—Refined petroleum 19½d; spirits do 13@13½d.

LONDON, January 11.—Refined petroleum 19½@19¾d.

ANTWERP, January 11.—Refined petroleum 50 francs.

MOVEMENTS OF PETROLEUM.

	Barrels.
Crude receipts, A. V. R. R.	618
Refined shipments, A. V. R. R.	2,151

General Merchandise.

ALCOHOL AND HIGHWINES—We quote alcohol at $2 20@2 25 ₱ gallon; high wines at $1 12 ₱ gallon.

BAGS AND BAGGING—There is a steady demand at steady prices. We quote: Extra gunny bags 23c; do second-hand 22c; Union bags 24c; American A's 30c; Philadelphia A's 33c; California grain bags 9c; English do 12c; Penn Mill 3 bushel 42c; do 2½ bushel 36c; do 2 bushel 33c; Allegheny 2 bushel do 29c.

BAKING POWDER—Quoted as follows: ¼ lb cans $1 50 ₱ dozen; ½ lb cans $3 00; 1 lb cans $5 50; 5 lb cans $26 00; 10 lb boxes 40c ₱ lb. Market steady and demand good.

BELTING—We reported recently that manufacturers had, since the rise in leather, been losing on this article and that an advance of 3c ₱ foot in all sizes up to sixteen inches might be expected. The advance has occurred, having gone into operation on the 18th inst. We quote the list of prices as follows:

	Per foot.		Per foot.
1 inch wide......	9	5 inches wide...	$ 57
1½ inch wide......	15	5½ inches wide...	63
2 inches wide......	21	6 inches wide...	69
2½ inches wide......	27	7 inches wide...	81
3 inches wide......	33	8 inches wide...	93
3½ inches wide......	39	10 inches wide...	1 17
4 inches wide......	45	12 inches wide...	1 41
4½ inches wide......	51	14 inches wide...	1 65

Discount 15 to 25 per cent., as to quality and quantity.

BROOMS—The demand is fair at former prices. The following are jobbing rates as quoted by manufacturers' agents:

No. 1 hurl.........	$1 50
No. 2 hurl.........	1 75
No. 3 hurl.........	2 00
No. 4 hurl.........	2 25
No. 5 hurl.........	2 50
No. 6 hurl.........	2 75
No. 3 carpet.........	3 25
No. 4 carpet.........	3 50
No. 5 carpet.........	3 75
No. 3 fancy parlor.........	4 00
No. 4 fancy parlor.........	4 25
Railroad (extra heavy,).........	2 75@3 25
Hotel, fine corn (extra heavy).........	4 00@5 00
Whisps, 6, 8 and 10 inch.........	1 25@1 75
Toy brooms.........	1 25@1 75
Misses' brooms.........	2 00

HIDES AND LEATHER—We give the following as the ruling quotations:

Leather

Oak sole, country ₱ lb.........	$ 30@	31
Oak sole, city.........	36@	38
Red sole, Buenos Ayres heavy.........	29@	32
Red sole, Buenos Ayres mid.........	28@	32
Red sole, Orinoco and Cala. heavy..	29@	31
Red sole, Orinoco and Cala. mid....	28@	31
Red sole, good damaged.........	25@	26
Oak, rough.........	24@	27
Harness, city oak.........	34@	37
Harness, country.........	29@	32
Harness, No. 2 and common.........	26@	28
Collar, oak sides, ₱ foot.........	12@	17
Fair skirting ₱ lb.........	37@	40
Fair bridle, ₱ doz.........	54 00@	66 00
Belt leather ₱ lb.........	39@	41
Finished calf.........	90@	$1 20
Finished upper, ₱ foot.........	16@	20
Finished kips ₱ lb.........	50@	90

Hides.

Green salted cows.........	8 @ 8½
Green salted steers, light.........	8 @ 8½
Green salted steers, heavy.........	9 @ 9½
Green salted calf.........	12 @ 13
Green butcher cows.........	5½
Green butcher steers, light.........	6
Green butcher steers, heavy.........	7
Green butcher calf.........	10

HEMP—The demand is active at $130 00 for Kentucky rough.

RAGS—The market is steady. We quote cotton mixed 2¼@2½c ₱ lb; and woolen ¼c.

STOVE POLISH—Sales made at $5 75 ₱ gross.

SAPOLIO—Cases of 6 dozen, $5 00; hand sapolio, cases of 6 dozen, $5 00.

SALT—The market is steady and unchanged. No 1 sells in car lots at $1 00 per barrel. We quote jobbing prices at $1 15 ₱ bbl for No. 1; $1 25 for extra do; $1 40 for dairy. Liverpool salt repacked in large sacks of 230 lbs, $2 00@2 10 per sack; dairy salt in small sacks $3 25@3 50 ₱ bbl.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

Central Stock Yards, East Liberty.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH COMMERCIAL, }
THURSDAY, January 11, 1877. }

CATTLE.

As stated yesterday the run of cattle has been light and the better grades scantily supplied. We also stated that there had been an advance of 25c per cwt. on good cattle, whilst common ruled about the same as last week. It may be said that the market was decidedly good in feeling, actively and prices, and the present outlook is favorable. Following were the ruling prices at noon to-day:

Extra choice, 1,500 to 1,600 lbs.........	$5 75@6 00
Good, 1,300 to 1,400 lbs.........	5 37@5 75
Good, 1,200 to 1,300 lbs.........	5 00@5 25
Good, 1,100 to 1,200 lbs.........	4 80@5 00
Common, 900 to 1,000 lbs.........	4 00@4 50
Bulls, stags and cows.........	2 50@4 00

HOGS.

The hog trade this morning was dull and stagnant. The run continues heavy, and many sheep pens are now filled with swine. Prices are shrinking; light pigs find no purchasers and some lots of light Yorkers go begging at $5 50. We quote:

Yorkers, good.........	5 90@6 20
Philadelphias.........	$7 00@7 25
Roughs.........	4 00@5 50

SHEEP.

There are no changes since yesterday's report. A reliable circular says: "Prices are off fully 20c from last week, which, it will be remembered, was bad enough." Following were the ruling quotations to-day:

Best, 110 to 120 lbs.........	$5 25@6 00
Good, 95 to 100 lbs.........	5 00@5 50
Good, 80 to 90 lbs.........	4 50@5 00
Good, 70 to 80 lbs.........	3 75@4 00
Scalawags.........	1 00@1 50

[By Associated Press.]

NEW YORK, January 11.—Beeves—Receipts including 44 car loads arrived late, 2,030 head, making 2,560 head for three days, against 3,670 head for the same time last week. Market firm at pretty full prices, but not so strong as yesterday; toward the close it rather favored buyers: some of the best selections sold at $11 75@12 00; fair to strictly prime steers $10 50@11 50; ordinary and medium $9 25@10 25; a car load of fat Western bulls sold at $8 30.

Sheep—Receipts 3,820 head, making 6,850 head for three days, against 7,360 head for the same time last week. Prices unchanged; the market closed about steady; common to good sheep $4 50@6 00: a small lot of extra Canada lambs brought $7 50.

Swine—Receipts 5,240 head, making 8,570 head for three days, against 7,770 head for the same time last week. Market a trifle firmer for both live and dressed; a carload of good Ohio, 185 lbs, sold at $7 12½; two cars rough do, to arrive, $6 35.

BUFFALO, January 11.—Cattle—Receipts 1,428 head. Market quiet to-day; only 6 cars of fresh arrivals on sale; stock, together with 14 cars held over from yesterday, disposed of for the Eastern markets at weak yesterday's quotations; Eastern roads receiving through consignments; roads reported unobstructed.

Sheep and lambs—Receipts 400 head. Market quiet; six cars on sale held at an advance on yesterday's prices, which are above buyers' views; only 3 cars disposed of at unchanged prices; about 10 cars held for to-morrow.

Hogs—Receipts 1,780 head. Market dull and slow; only 4 cars Yorkers disposed of; commonest to fair $6 10@6 25; good and best lots $6 40@6 50; a few heavy sold to the city trade at $6 80@6 90. About 12 cars unsold, mostly light grades.

CINCINNATI, January 11.—Hogs dull; common $5 50@5 90; fair to good light $6 00@6 50; packing $6 50@6 75; heavy butchers' $6 80@6 90.

INDIANAPOLIS, January 11.—Hogs quiet at $6 15@6 40. Receipts 3,290 head. Shipments 310 head.

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

Produce.

CHICAGO, January 11.—Flour quiet but steady. Wheat closed firm: No. 1 spring $1 33@1 30½; No. 2 $1 29½@1 28 February; $1 29½ March; No. 3 $1 12½@1 13; rejected 97@99c. Corn dull, weak and lower; 43¾c cash; 44½c February; rejected 37c. Oats easier; 34½c cash; 35½c February. Rye steady and unchanged. Barley firmer at 67c. Pork unsettled and lower; $17 75@17 80 cash; $17 90@17 92½ February; $18 20@18 22½ March. Bulkmeats unsettled and lower; shoulders 6¼c; short rib 8¾c; short clear 9¼c. Lard quiet; 11.15@11.20c cash; 11.30c February; 11½@11.52½c March. Whisky dull at $1 07.

NEW YORK, January 11.—Flour unchanged, with a very moderate demand for export and home use; receipts 5,000 barrels. Rye flour and cornmeal unchanged. Wheat quiet and unchanged; receipts 18,000 bushels. Rye, barley and malt firm. Corn slightly in buyers' favor; receipts 33,000 bushels; mixed, new, no grade, 56¼@58c; do, on steamer, 57½@58½c yellow, on steamer, 59c. Oats quiet but firm; receipts 27,000 bushels; Western mixed and State 40@50c. Hay and hops firm. Coffee quiet; Rio cargoes 19½@22½, gold. Sugar firm. Molasses quiet; New Orleans 48@50c. Rice steady. Rosin easier at $2 45@2 55. Turpentine firmer at 48½c. Eggs—Western 35@36c. Pork dull at $17 25@18 25. Beef quiet. Middles unsettled; long clear city 9½c; do Western, to arrive, 9¾c. Lard closed quiet and barely steady; prime steam 11.40@11½c. Butter dull; Western 14@30c. Cheese firm at 7@14c. Whisky dull but steady at $1 15.

CINCINNATI, January 11.—Cotton quiet at 12½@12¾c. Flour firm and unchanged. Wheat—Demand light and holders firm; red $1 40@1 45. Corn steady at 44@45c. Oats firmer at 34@39c. Rye easier at 81@82c. Barley quiet and unchanged. Pork dull and nominal at $17 85@18 00. Lard firm; steam 11@11½c; kettle 11½@12c. Bulkmeats dull and lower; shoulders 6¼@6⅜@6½c; short clear 10c. Bacon dull and unchanged. Greenmeats dull and lower; shoulders 6¼c; short rib 8½@8⅝c; hams 9¼@9½c. Whisky active and lower at $1 05. Butter dull and unchanged.

PHILADELPHIA, January 11.—Cloverseed 14¼@15c ₱ lb. Flour firm; Wisconsin and Minnesota family $7 00@7 50. Wheat scarce and in demand; Western red $1 42; amber $1 52@1 57. Rye firm at 78@80c. Corn steady; yellow 56@57c. Oats firm; Western mixed 39@42c. Whisky—Western $1 13. Butter dull; New York and Bradford county extras 32@33c; do firsts 27@30c; Western extras 25@27c; do firsts 21@22c. Cheese firm at 13¾@14¼c. Eggs—Western fresh 38@42c.

BALTIMORE, January 11.—Flour in fair demand. Wheat quiet; No. 2 Chicago $1 35@1 38. Corn active and firmer; Western mixed new 58c. Oats in fair demand at 35@38c. Rye nominal. Cloverseed dull at 14½@15c per lb. Pork $18 50@18 75. Lard dull at 11¾@12c. Bulkmeats—Shoulders 7¼c; clear rib 9¼c. Bacon—Shoulders 8@8¼c; clear rib 10¼c. Butter dull and unchanged. Coffee strong and unchanged.

LOUISVILLE, January 11.—Cotton dull and unchanged. Flour steady and unchanged; extra $4 50@5 00; family $5 50@6 00; fancy $7 00@8 00. Corn steady and unchanged. Wheat firm; red $1 28@1 32. Oats and rye unchanged. Pork firm at $18 00@18 25. Bulkmeats and bacon dull and nominal. Lard nominal; tierce 12c; keg 12¾c. Whisky firm at $1 05.

TOLEDO, January 11.—Flour steady. Wheat—Demand active; No 3 white Wabash $1 30; ungraded Iowa and Minnesota spring $1 20; extra white Michigan $1 45; amber Michigan $1 45, seller February; No. 2 amber $1 26. Corn steady; high mixed 44¼c; No. 2 44c; rejected 43¼c. Oats firm; white 39c; Michigan 38c.

NEW ORLEANS, January 11.—Flour dull; double extra $6 75@7 00; treble do $7 25@8 25. Bulkmeats jobbing at 7¼@9¾@10¼c. Sugar quiet: common 7@7⅜c; fair to good fair 7¾@8c; fairly fair to prime 8¾c. Molasses quiet; common 35; prime to choice 43@50c; centrifugal 25@37c.

MILWAUKEE, January 11.—Flour steady and firm. Wheat closed weak; No. 1 Milwaukee $1 33½; No. 2, $1 28¾; No. 3, $1 18. Corn firm; No. 2 nominal at 43½c. Oats firm; No. 2, 34c. Rye steady; No. 1, 71½c. Barley dull; No. 2 spring 81c; No. 3, 40c.

BOSTON, January 11.—Flour—Demand steady; Minnesota family $6 50@7 50. Corn firm; mixed and yellow 65@68c. Oats firm; No. 1 white 60c; No. 2 and No. 1 mixed 56@58c; No. 3 white and No. 2 mixed 53@54c.

LIVERPOOL, January 11.—California white wheat average 10s11d@11s 1d; do club 11s 2d@11s 7d; red Western spring 10s@10s 9d; winter 11s@10s 8d. Flour 24@26s. Corn 26⅜s. Oats 3s@3¼s. Barley 3¼s. Pork 71s.

OSWEGO, January 11.—Wheat firm; No. 1 Milwaukee club $1 55; No. 2 red Wabash $1 45; extra white Michigan $1 65. Corn—Western mixed 58c.

Cotton.

NEW YORK, January 11.—Cotton quiet at 13@13 1-16c. Futures closed weak; January 12 5-16c; February 13@13 1-32c; March 13¼c; April 13 15-32c.

LIVERPOOL, January 11.—Cotton dull and easier at 7@7¼d. Sales of 10,000 bales, including 2,000 for speculation and export and 5,200 American.

Dry Goods.

NEW YORK, January 11.—In cotton goods the market was fairly active and strong, with an upward tendency. Brown sheetings and shirtings in good demand and denims active and scarce. Bleached cottons steady. Fancy and shirting prints in moderate demand. Men's wear woolens doing fairly. Flannels and blankets remain quiet. Foreign goods dull.

Coal and Coke.

CINCINNATI, January 10.—Coal was firmer and in fair retail demand. Youghiogheny, Campbell's creek and Hocking Valley selling at 11@12c per bushel delivered, and the latter 10c at elevator; Muskingum Valley, 9c on cars, and 10@11c delivered; Ashland 9@10c; Ohio river, 8@9c; Kanawha cannel, 20@22c delivered, and anthracite $8 00@9 00 per ton delivered.

Coke—Met a fair demand, city manufactured bringing 7c per bushel at yard, and 8c delivered; gas house and crushed, 8@9c at yard, and 10@11c delivered; Connellsville, 10@11c, and McKeesport, 7@8c delivered.

LOUISVILLE, January 10.—Coal—Pittsburgh at 11c, Kentucky at 10@12c; Raymond City at 13c; city coke at 8c; cannel at 18@20c; anthracite at $9 00@9 50.

RIVER TELEGRAMS.

OFFICE OF THE OBSERVER, }
UNITED STATES SIGNAL SERVICE, }
PITTSBURGH, PA., January 11, 1877. }

The following is the daily report of the stage of water, with changes in the twenty-four hours ending at 3 P. M.:

STATIONS.	ABOVE L'W W'R Ft.	ABOVE L'W W'R In.	CHANGE —OR + Ft.	CHANGE —OR + In.	DIRECTION OF WIND.	STATE OF WEATHER.
Cairo........	12	0	+1	10	S. W.	Lt. rain.
Cincinnati..	14	2	+2	4	S. W.	Lt. rain.
Louisville...	4	3	..	..	S.	Cloudy.
Memphis....	3	2	—0	10	S.	Cloudy.
Nashville....	9	3	..	..	S.	Cloudy.
Pittsburgh..	..	..	..	..	S. W.	Lt. rain.
Shreveport..	5	11	—0	3	S.	Cloudy.
St. Louis....	10	10	—0	10	N. E.	Lt. rain.
Vicksburg...	3	6	+0	6	S. W.	Cloudy.

SPECIAL RIVER DISPATCHES.

BROWNSVILLE, PA., January 11, 1877.

River 5 feet 7 inches and stationary. Weather rainy; mercury 44 at 7 P. M.

MORGANTOWN, W. VA., January 11, 1877.

River still closed. Weather rainy; mercury 43.

GREENSBORO, PA., January 11, 1877.

River closed with ice. Weather rainy.

IRONTON, O., January 11, 1877.

River fell about 5 feet since the gorge gave way at Portsmouth at noon to-day. Scarcely any ice passing here. Snow disappearing fast. Light rain. The thermometer at noon was 50 above in the shade. A loaded coalboat is sunk in the middle of the river about four hundred feet above the wharfboat directly opposite the head of the new wharf. Pilots will take due notice and govern themselves accordingly.

For Additional Dispatches see Fourth Page

RIVER NEWS.

THE PROSPECT.—The warm rain that set in about noon yesterday continued and was still coming down when we wrote this paragraph. Unless it turns cold navigation will soon be resumed. Both rivers are rising, with five feet four inches by the marks. The snow is rapidly disappearing. Steamboatmen have made all the necessary preparations for the break up when it comes. We noticed a towboat on the South Side with steam up and other boats are all ready to start their fires if it should be considered necessary.

THE steamer J. H. Bigley broke the gorge at Cairo.

THE river was rising at Memphis at last accounts.

CAPTAIN THORNBURG, of the steamer Emma Graham, is in Cincinnati.

THE steamer Alberta is laid up at Batesville, waiting for White river to thaw.

THE Music is stuck fast in an ice gorge in the middle of Black river. She had no load on.

AT Ironton three coke barges broke loose. Two were landed without damage, and one was completely destroyed.

CAPTAIN H. BROWN, formerly commander of the J. P. Webb and other boats, died at Dyersburg, Kentucky, a few days since.

THE McArthur has escaped the ice troubles and is making regular trips up Black river, connecting at Jacksonport with the Ruth.

PITTSBURGH coal is selling at New Orleans for 60c per box to boats, $6 50 per hogshead, and 75c per barrel at retail and 45c to 50c at wholesale. St. Bernard is a little less.

THE steamer Mary Bell, Captain Hicks, was destroyed by fire at Vicksburg on the 27th of February, 1876. She had a valuable cargo and had only been running a few months.

THE boat folks beleaguered by ice between Memphis and Cairo, say that it is an awful country, all alone, surrounded by no postoffices, no news, no nothing but catamounts, catfish and possums.

THE Memphis *Avalanche* says: A purse of several hundred dollars has been made up to remunerate the Ark for the work she has performed in clearing out the ice in the harbor. Captain Dodd deserves all that will be awarded. His work was effective and well done.

COAL FOR THE POOR.—The resolution empowering the Mayor to purchase 30,000 bushels of coal for the use of the poor, offered by Mr. Jefferson at the last meeting of the Council, was passed. It is understood that this coal will be purchased of several different firms, so that the difficulty and delay of delivery which attended the last purchase of coal will be obviated.—*Louisville Commercial.*

FREIGHTS from New Orleans to Memphis by rail are 25 to 30c per cwt and $1 15 per barrel for molasses; to St. Louis, 35 to 39c per cwt.; to Cincinnati, 40 to 45c. From Cincinnati to New Orleans freights by rail are 50c per cwt., $1 40 on pork and $2 30 on whisky. From St. Louis to New Orleans flour is $1 per barrel by rail. Sugar by steamer from New Orleans to New York is $6 per hogshead, and molasses $2 50 per barrel.

THE following correspondence appears in the Evansville *Courier*: A. H. Edmonds, who lives five miles from New London, Rolls county, Missouri, was mate on the Caroline, a Pittsburgh and New Orleans boat, in 1827, when Joe Eckles grounded in the crossing at the head of Little Cypress bend. The night was very dark. Joe tapped the bell for the larboard lead, and when the mate came up to pass the word, Joe told him if he could get the little dog to bark on shore he would then not need the lead. In a very short time the little dog did bark, he then tapped the bell to lay up the lead. In a very short time the boat was hard aground. The sudden changed condition of things soon brought the Captain aloft who impatiently asked Joe how he came to ground the boat; he replied that he was fooled by the d—n little dog being out a hunting. From that time the bar in Little Cypress bend has been universally called Eckels' bar.

Our River Correspondence.

HORSE TAIL, January 7, 1877.

To the Editor of the Pittsburgh Commercial:

The steamer J. L. Rhoads is still lying quiet ice-bound, and the City of Helena remains on the bar. The river has risen here considerable. We sounded over the bar this morning, and could not find bottom with a ten foot pole. The gorge commences about four miles above us, and is solid from there to the bridge, about five miles. The last few days have been warm and pleasant which rotted the ice a good deal, and we were in hopes it would make a break-up, but to-day it is cold and has been snowing all day which will make the deepest snow of the season here. We are about eight or nine miles from the main part of the city. Some of us are up every day, so that we get the papers pretty regularly. The Northern Line packets are badly used up, and I fear they are in a bad place for a hard break up. Our barge is above at the docks. We have got nearly all the freight taken off her, which relieves us considerably, as we can hold the barge better light than loaded. Hoping this may find you well, I remain yours, respectfully,

J. C. F.

The Ice Gorge—A Plan to Beat It—It is Worthy of the Attention of Those Interested.

[From the Cincinnati Enquirer.]

Captain J. A. J. Smith, Superintendent of the Phillips coal elevator of this city, has perfected a plan to free the river of its icy fetters, sufficiently to protect the property in jeopardy in the harbor, and also to permit of the moving of coal barges and other property. He has perfected what he calls an "Ice-cutter," which consists of four saws six feet in diameter, being fastened on a twenty foot shaft, which is placed at the head of a flat and operated by a portable engine. The flat is moved forward as the saws cut the ice by the aid of an anchor fastened in the ice with a line attached to a capstan on the boat.

The machinery can be made in a short time and will last for years. The cost will be but little when divided among those interested. Our own steamboatmen, coal men and underwriters are all interested, and not only they, but we feel assured that the Pittsburgh Coal Exchange, the members of which are largely interested here, would indorse any action taken here and pay their proportion of the expense incurred. The matter is, at least, worthy the earnest attention of those interested in river matters, and we suggest that arrangements be made on 'Change for a meeting to discuss the matter. Captain Smith's communication will explain itself:

To the Editor of the Enquirer:

The explosive compound recently experimented with in ice at St. Louis having failed in the desired results, I would suggest to the owners of property endangered by ice in our harbor the use of my "Patent Ice Cutter," by which I propose to make a channel from McCullum, if the river is open there, up to "Coal Haven," providing the actual amount necessary to defray the expense is subscribed, or a meeting of river and insurance men is held here and in Pittsburgh, and sufficient assessment is made on each craft to recompense me. By proper management with about ten men I can make a channel twenty feet wide at the rate of three miles per day, or forty feet wide at the rate of one and a half miles per day. The hazardous condition of our ice-bound river property demands immediate action, if extraordinary losses would be arrested. Respectfully,

J. A. J. SMITH.

RECEIPTS OF MERCHANDISE.

Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne and Chicago Railway.

O K Ralph, 1 car potatoes; National Tube Works, 913 bars, 115 bdls iron; R Rodgers, 1 car bars; G G Pennock, 1 bbl oil; W P Townsend, 16 pkgs rivets; A Brinker & Son, 10 bbls eggs; W Flaccus & Son, 29 pkgs hides, 3 bales skins; Wilbert & Wallace, 9 kgs a butter; W G Henderson, 105 bbls lime; M McWhinney, 30 wagon houns, 4 bdls wood; T J Wallace, 30 cases tobc; Hill, West & Co, 10 do; J W Gault, 10 do; D W Gavett, 4 bxs fish; Voight, Mahood & Co, 7 tubs butter; Friedly & Bros, 2 sks seeds; J Wilson & Son, 100 bbls flour; Henry Rea, Jr, 1 bx butter; Armstrong Bros, 16 pkgs md.

ELEVATOR—Spencer, McKay & Co, 3 cars barley; McHenry & Hood, 1 do oats.

Pittsburgh, Cincinnati and St. Louis Railway.

S A Clarke & Co, 1 bx books; Lane Bros, 1 do ware; Spencer, McKay & Co, 31 hf cask ale; H J McCracken & Bro, 1 car hay; Henry Crawford, 1 do do; H J McCracken & Bro, 144 sks middlings; J T Colvin & Co, 10 hhds sugar; Dilworth Bros, 18 do do; A B Mills, 15 bbls bungs; G H Bennett, 5 do whisky; J J Speck & Co, 10 do do; Miller, F & Co, 5 do do; D J Rex, 45 bdls lumber; Jas Lettell, 25 bbls whisky; J R Weldin & Co, 2 bxs books; Allen Kirkpatrick & Co, 36 bbls molasses; P Hamberger, 25 do whisky; J McCullough, 25 do do; M Browarks, 5 do do; Chas Becker, 2 cases tobacco; T Kiechendorfer, 1 keg liquor; Kramer & S, 3 boxes yeast; G Kann & Co, 9 third butts tobacco; J M Sichel & Co, 10 half do do, 5 quarter do do, 5 cads do; Eagle Cotton Mills, 25 bales cotton; Schomaker & Co, 30 bags meal; A Depp, 1 car stone; P Duff & Sons, 30 bbls molasses; Johnson, E, E & Co, 12 do do; B H Voskamp & Co, 20 bbls do; Curry & M, 8 hhds sugar; Carter Bros & Co, 11 do do; Eagle Cotton Mills, 41 bales cotton; Curry & M, 13 hhds sugar; Carter Bros & Co, 25 bbls molasses; Knox & Orr, 10 hhds sugar; Arbuckles & Co, 2 crates cigars; Means, S & Co, 2 bb's tobacco; Peabody, H & Co, 10 bxs tea; Keil & R, 1 car mill feed; J Wilson & Son, 30 bbls molasses.

Cleveland and Pittsburgh Railroad.

L Waller & Son, 1 car lumber; Shoenberger & Co, 1 do hoop poles; Lockoart & Frew, 14 cars ore; A Walker & Son, 1 do paper; J C Bidwell, 1 do lumber; Ford & M, 1 do; W H Berger, 1 do ware; Anderson & P, 1 do; J D Wyland, 1 bx fish; Hartley Bros, 3 bales rub; J C Gier, 2 bbls tobc; Keystone B Co, 1 bx hd ware; J Herdman & Son, 1 do haimes; Fairbanks, M & Co, 23 bxs scals; H & O R R, 5 bbls oil; Hill, West & Co, 225 bdls paper; Wm Flaccus & Son, 1 roll leather; J Kenworthy, 1 wardrobe; Knox & Orr, 1 case cigars; J Graham, 1 car oats; John Henkle, 69 sks corn and oats; Wilbert & W, 1 cask cheese; J D Ramsey, 10 bbls oil; F H Sawert & Co, 1 crate wood; Mrs Duncan, 2 crocks butter; W H Everson, 2 do; H Gerwig & Son, 1 bbl cheese; Lang & Co, 2 bbls wine; McNish & Butler, 1 bx fish; Pennock & Son, 1 bx cans; M W Sackett, 2 casks ware; H Grow, 1 do; L S Layton, 2 do; Spencer, McKay & Co, 6 empty bbls; C Todd, 1 cask ware; Frisbee, C & Co, 1 do.

Allegheny Valley Railroad.

Kiefer, S & Co, 5 cars bark; Western Union Telegraph Co, 1 car met; Shoenberger, B & Co, 2 cars limestone; Jones & Laughlins, 1 car metal; Byers, McCullough & Co, 1 car metal; A Hartupee, 1 car metal; Pennsylvania Railroad Co, 100 bbls, 1 car oil; Isabella Furnace Co, 6 cars stone; Warren Spinger, 1 car scrap iron; Allegheny Valley Railroad Co, 1 car ice, 1 do coal; R & W Jenkinson, 1 butt tobacco; G B Sherriff, 2 bbls wine; Hubbard, Bakewell & Co, 23 bdls saw; W Flaccus & Son, 19 hides; Friday, Ream & Co, 1 bag bags; Warden & Oxnard, 9 empt oil bbls, Young & Booth, 4 c kegs; Spencer, McKay & Co, 8 empt bbls; Young & Booth, 9 empt kegs; A S Gilmore, 2 bxs starch; J Porterfield & Co, 30 bxs starch; C Maginn, 25 bxs starch; Keystone Bridge Co, 1 car iron.

Receipts of Metal, Ore, Etc.

	Met'l tons.	Ore, tons.	Scr'p tons.	Blms. tons.
Pitts. Ft. W. & C. R'y..	180	24	..	..
Cleveland & Pgh R. R.	..	130	..	..
Pennsylvania R. R....	110	..	..	12
A. V. R. R..........	36	..	12	..
Total.............	326	154	12	12

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All proposals will be opened by me, in the presence of those bidding, at my office, in the City of Harrisburg, at 12 o'clock M. of said fourth Tuesday of January, A. D. 1877, and the printing and binding publicly allotted to the person or persons who propose to execute the same at the highest rate per centum below the rates fixed by the schedule annexed to the aforesaid act of the General Assembly; but no allotment will be made to any person or persons whose proposal is not accompanied with a bond as required by the provisions of the first section of said act, nor to any person or persons known to be irresponsible. The person or persons to whom the printing and binding is allotted will be required to execute the same in the manner provided by said act of the General Assembly, and must procure good and sufficient materials for executing the printing of the laws, journals, reports, bills, resolutions, messages, and all other legislative and executive papers, documents, blanks and miscellaneous printing authorized by law, or that may be ordered by the Legislature, or the Chief Clerk of either branch thereof, or by the executive or any of the departments of the government, and keep the same at the State Capital, and be at all times in readiness to execute the printing aforesaid in a neat and workmanlike manner, with the utmost dispatch.

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M. S. QUAY,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.
Harrisburg, Pa., January 8, 1877.

Steamboat for Sale.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
ST. LOUIS, January 6, 1877. }

SEALED PROPOSALS will be received at the Comptroller's office, in the city of St. Louis, until 12 o'clock noon of the FIRST DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1877, for the purchase of the steamboat ELON G. SMITH, belonging to the city of St. Louis, and used as a harbor boat, together with all machinery, fixtures and appurtenances thereto belonging.

Said proposals will be opened publicly by the undersigned, at the Comptroller's office, in the presence of the Committees on Ways and Means and Harbor, on the day and at the hour above named.

The award of purchase will be subject to the approval of the Committees on Ways and Means and Harbor of the City Council of the city of St. Louis.

Bids must be indorsed, "Proposals for the purchase Steamer Elon G. Smith," and must be accompanied with a cash deposit of one thousand dollars, to be forfeited in case the party to whom the award is made shall fail to complete the purchase when said award is confirmed by the Committees on Ways and Means and Harbor of the City Council.

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Reserve for Losses under adjustment.........	78,138 07
Net Surplus.........	616,159 88
	$1,710,151 32

INVESTMENT OF ASSETS.

Cash on hand and in Bank.........	$ 171,826 51
Bonds and Mortgages, being first lien on Real Estate.........	715,700 00
United States Bonds (market value)...	589,275 00
Bonds of the City of New York and Brooklyn, (market value).........	47,845 00
Bank Stocks (market value).........	6,500 00
Loans, secured by Collaterals.........	35,462 48
Real Estate.........	50 487 34
Interest and Rents Accrued, January 1st, 1876.........	19,604 46
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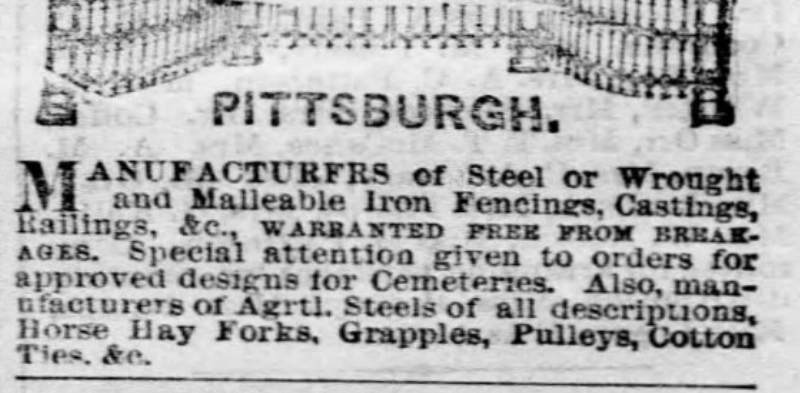

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Weather Report.

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Time.	Bar.	Th'r.	Hum.	—WIND.— Dir.	Miles pr hour	Weath.
7 A. M.	30.132	28	88	S.	6	Cloudy
2 P. M.	29.871	41	82	S. W.	6	Lt. rain
9 P. M.	30.023	40	91	N.W.	4	Lt. rain

Mean barometer	30.012	Highest thermom	42
Mean thermom	37.2	Lowest thermom	26
Rainfall	0.18		

Arm Taken Off.

A colporteur named Clark, residing at No. 331 Washington avenue, Allegheny, was walking on the railroad track in the Sixth ward, Allegheny, last evening, when he was struck by a freight train and knocked down, one of the wheels passing over his left arm crushing it so badly as to necessitate amputation. The operation was performed last night, and the physicians think the patient will recover.

The Baltimore and Ohio Road.

The following change in the schedule of trains will take place on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, Pittsburgh Division, on the 14th inst.: The through express, East, will leave at 9:45 P. M., city time, daily, instead of 7 P. M. as heretofore. The through express will arrive at 7 A. M., daily, instead of 8:35 A. M. The church train on Sundays will leave at 9:21 P. M., instead of 9:30. The West Newton accommodation will arrive at 7:30 P. M., instead of 7:32. No changes will be made in the time of other trains.

Painful Accident.

While exhibiting a loaded revolver in a saloon on Wylie avenue, near Elm street, shortly after six o'clock last evening, John Ward, residing at the corner of Crawford street and Wylie avenue, accidently discharged one of the chambers, the cartridge grazing his right temple, tearing a portion of the scalp away and inflicting a painful but not dangerous wound. Later, it was reported that it was a case of attempted suicide, but the bystanders at the time of the accident state the above is the correct account.

The Waiter Girls.

Yesterday afternoon Messrs. Stevens & Hancock, proprietor of the well known Fifth avenue "pretty waiter girl" saloon, who have hitherto complied with the new ordinance on the subject, put a force of female employees to work, with the design of testing the validity of the municipal enactment. It is likely the Chief of Police will make information before the Mayor against them this morning, and that they will be convicted and sentenced in due course. It is then their intention to bring the matter at once before the courts on a writ of *habeas corpus*.

Organization of School Boards.

The Allen school sub-district Board of Directors organized Wednesday evening, as follows: President, Jacob Sutter; Secretary, A. G. Case; Treasurer, T. G. Jones. The other members are August Feidler, William Schutz and Adam Allis. The board will meet on the first Thursday of each month.

The Thirty-fifth ward School Board organized Wednesday night and elected officers for the year as follows: William Bell, President; John L. Vaughn, Secretary; William M. Harris, Treasurer; Chas. Havis, member of Central Board. The board is composed of Messrs. Abel Ensche, John L. Vaughn, Charles Havis, Peter Baker, Wm. Bell, Wm. M. Harris.

That Missing Girl.

About dusk, the evening before last, an incident occurred at a restaurant on Fourth avenue, that may possibly furnish a clue to the missing South Side girl. At the time mentioned, a young woman answering in every particular to the description of Miss Schulte, entered the saloon in question and ordered bread and coffee. While waiting for the refreshments she was seized with sudden and violent indisposition, which caused her to utter lamentable cries. Upon being questioned by the young woman in attendance she attributed her illness to eating candy. She recovered in a little while, when, paying for what she had ordered, she left the place, going up Fourth avenue. She said she was stopping on Grant street. She had the appearance of being distressed in both mind and body, and excited the sincere commiseration of those who witnessed the incident.

Base Ball.

The Allegheny Base Ball Club will hold a meeting on the 29th inst. for the purpose of choosing directors. It is understood that but four of the present Board desire to continue in office, and these will probably be retained. As the new Board will consist of seven members instead of thirteen, this will leave three new names to be added. The name of James A. Chambers was suggested last night, and he will probably be elected, but no definite action was taken with reference to the other vacancies. In the same connection Captain Denny McKnight received a letter yesterday from S. C. Waite, Secretary of the St. Louis Reds, favoring Pittsburgh as the place for the holding of a meeting on the 20th of February, for the organization of the proposed National Base Ball Association. The object of the association will be to form a union of clubs in opposition to the League. About fifteen clubs have thus far agreed to go into the arrangement.

Ladies' Tract Society.

The thirty-third annual report of the Ladies' Tract Society has just been issued by Mrs. R. S. Hays, Secretary. During the year the society has circulated 158,000 pages of "Glad Tidings" and "Centennial Voice" in the English language, 48,000 pages of German tracts, 20,400 English messengers and 4,800 German messengers; also Bohemian, Swedish and French tracts; 10,335 visits have been made and many children gathered into the Sabbath School.

The report of Miss M. Herron, Treasurer, shows the receipts during the year to have been: Annual collections, $30; monthly collections, $310 08; subscriptions, $151 25; total, $491 33. The following are the officers and managers for 1877: President, Mrs. F. R. Brunot; Vice President, Mrs. Magoffin; Secretary, Mrs. R. S. Hays; Assistant Secretary, Mrs. T. McFadden, Jr.; Treasurer, M. Herron; Managers, Miss M. Bryan, Mrs. Dr. Jacobus, Miss K. Paul, Mrs. E. C. Cochrane, Miss M. Pressly, Mrs. Coles, Mrs. Kay, Mrs. A. C. Patterson, Miss M. Whitten, Mrs. Spencer, Mrs. Dr. Coffee, Miss Orr, Mrs. T. T. McCance, Mrs. A. M. Bryan, Mrs. C. A. Ouary, Miss M. Gray, Miss L. Clark, Miss Phelps, Mrs. G. Kelly, Mrs. W. Nelson, Miss M. Pattinson. Committee for arranging packages for monthly distribution, Miss Pressly, Miss Phelps, Miss Logan, Miss Alston.

McClure Avenue Bonds.

Controller Brown, of Allegheny, received the following paper yesterday relative to the proposed issue of bonds for the improvement of McClure avenue:

ALLEGHENY CITY, January 9, 1877.

To the Mayor, Controller, Treasurer and Councils of Allegheny City:

GENTLEMEN—It is said your city contemplates issuing time bonds for the grading and paving of McClure avenue. If so, we, property owners on said avenue, wish to give you notice that we object to and protest against the issue of said bonds, if it is intended to hold our property therefor under the "foot front" rule of assessment. Ours is neither built up city property nor in a built up district, and McClure avenue is a general public thoroughfare, leading out into the country, and benefitting the entire community; and we shall resist any other charge or mode of assessment than such as shall be legally made upon the special benefits wherever found throughout the city.

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The issue of McClure avenue bonds will be deferred for a time.

RAILROAD ACCIDENT.

A Well-Known Citizen of Allegheny Said to be Fatally Injured.

A dispatch from Alexandria, Va., informs us that the night train on the Virginia Midland Railroad, which left Alexandria at 2:45 yesterday morning, ran over a broken rail one hundred and fifty yards north of Kettle run bridge, between Manassas and Bristoe. The engine, baggage car and forward passenger cars passed over in safety, but two sleeping cars, one from Boston to Danville, and the other from Washington to New Orleans, left the track and ran down the embankment. Three passengers were seriously hurt and twelve slightly injured. Among those severely wounded is Mr. George Lyle, of Allegheny city, Pa.; Miss Lyle is slightly injured. The first of the sleeping cars went over the bank, turning over several times in its decent and, striking against an abutment of the bridge, was smashed into a thousand pieces. One of the passengers says that so completely was the car demolished that there was not a piece left which could not have been put in a flour barrel. The other sleeper followed the first, and although badly damaged, was not so completely splintered. Most of the passengers were invalids on their way to Florida. Mr. Lyle, being over seventy years of age, may not recover.

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MONONGAHELA SLACKWATER.

Annual Meeting of Stockholders of the Monongahela Navigation Company—Report of President Moorhead and Other Officers—Election of Officers and Managers, &c., &c.

The stockholders of the Monongahela Navigation Company met yesterday afternoon at the office of the company, on Diamond street, and organized by calling Mr. H. B. Goe to the chair, and appointing Mr. John A. Harper Secretary. The Chair stated that this was the annual meeting for the election of a Board of Managers and officers for the present year. General J. B. Sweitzer and Mr. Alexander Bradley were thereupon appointed tellers, when an election was held, resulting as follows:

President—J. K. Moorhead.

Secretary and Treasurer—William Bakewell.

Managers—Felix R. Brunot, John Harper, N. B. Hogg, M. K. Moorhead, John Moorhead, William Morrison, J. B. Murdoch, M. D., James Veech, Daniel Wallace, M. Whitmore.

Annual Report of the President.

General J. K. Moorhead, President of the company, presented his annual report, from which we extract as follows:

There has been but little interruption to the navigation during the past year, and the business done upon the improvement has been nearly as large as in any former year. Although the river was closed by ice for a few days in December, 1875, it had opened again before the end of the year, was in good navigable condition on the 1st of January, 1876, and there was no further interruption from that cause during the balance of last winter. The extreme cold weather of the present winter sealed up the pools on the 9th of December, and terminated the navigation for the year on that day, causing a suspension from ice for twenty-two days within the year.

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The business of the year has been quite satisfactory. The large amount of tonnage moved has passed the different locks with facility, and we believe generally to the satisfaction of the navigators, as well as the officers of the company.

There has been very little crowding or jamming at the locks, which when it does occur, is caused by some over-anxious navigator attempting to get an advantage, that the rules of the company forbid. From the fact that laden barges drawing six feet of water can be passed through the locks without a freshet, or rise in the river, there is an almost constant movement of coal; and were it not so, it would be difficult to pass more than three millions of tons per annum through the locks. Some idea may be formed of the trade upon your improvement, when it is considered that in the aggregate it amounts to nearly ten thousand tons per day, which would require one thousand railroad cars to move.

Our lock keeper at Lock No. 3 has added to his facilities in passing boats by utilizing the water passing over the dam, affording power to open and close the gates, and draw heavy boats into and hasten their departure out of the locks, thus enabling him to make many more lockages per day. From the success of this application of power, it is designed to apply it to other locks.

While the receipts of the company for the past five years have not varied materially in the aggregate, there are large variations in the first two months in the year, viz.:

Receipts for the year—

1872	$195,699 28
1873	206,564 89
1874	215,463 93
1875	194 833 07
1876	212,514 58

Receipts for the first two months, viz:

	Jan.	Feb.	Total.
1872	$19,147 30	$ 4,593 75	$23,741 05
1873	14,322 37	14,644 85	28,967 22
1874	25,302 48	25,901 62	51,204 10
1875	3,278 16	240 66	3,518 82
1876	12,453 36	14,006 62	26,459 98

This is, of course, governed by the character of the winters; and as the river was closed by ice most of the month of December, 1876, our receipts for that month were very small, and if the severe winter continues through January and February they will be light the coming year.

The tolls received for the year are as follows, viz:

From coal and slack	$131,040 79
From coke	8,569 56
From freight, empty craft, lumber, &c	66,045 54
From passengers	6,858 69
Total	$212,514 58
Being an increase over 1875 of	$ 17,681 51
And a decrease from 1874 of	2,979 35

The President goes on to say that the construction of Lock and Dam No. 7 will be required, in compliance with the company's charter, as soon as the Government shall have commenced the construction of sufficient locks and dams to extend the slackwater on the Monongahela river from the Pennsylvania State line to Morgantown in Monongalia county, Virginia. No. 7 must be constructed in such manner and on such plan as will extend the navigation from its present terminus to the Virginia State line, and must be completed simultaneously with the completion of the work extending to Morgantown. The Government has partly constructed a lock and dam about two and a half miles above the State line, and selected a location for another below the line, which has not been commenced owing to the failure of Congress to make an appropriation. As soon as provision is made for this lock and dam the company will commence the construction of No. 7, which will cost about $100,000. The experience with the two locks now in operation above Brownsville shows that No. 7 will not prove a financial success. It will, however, extend the navigation to Morgantown, one hundred miles from Pittsburgh, and be a great benefit to the citizens of the Upper Monongahela Valley, and add to the commerce of Pittsburgh.

The setting aside of a sinking fund to provide for the payment of the $103,000 of mortgage bonds of the company, which mature July 1, 1887, is recommended. It is also suggested that a fund be kept on hand to promptly meet disasters from floods and ice.

OHIO RIVER IMPROVEMENT.

This is a subject that has frequently been referred to in these annual reports, and it was expected that the commencement of this great work would have been announced before this. A system has been adopted by the Government engineers that has been in successful operation in France for many years, and an appropriation made by Congress for the purpose of testing it on the Ohio river. The first lock and dam have been located about five miles below this city. Its construction will determine the value and practicability of the plan, and will prove of great value to the harbors of Pittsburgh and Allegheny, and make the navigation during low water as good from the Pittsburgh wharf to dam No. 1, as it is now from there to Brownsville.

It is to be regretted that the commencement of this work has been delayed by the failure of the Pennsylvania Legislature to pass an act ceding jurisdiction, &c., to the United States, although the matter has been before them during two or three sessions. As the Governor has now very properly called their attention to it in his annual message, it will most likely be passed at an early day, and during the present year a commencement made.

TONNAGE TAX.

It will be remembered that the act of August 25, 1864, laid a tonnage tax upon corporations for the moving of freight, and provided that "corporations whose lines of improvement are used by others for the transportation of freight, and whose only earnings arise from tolls charged for such use, are authorized to add the tax hereby imposed to said tolls, and collect the same therewith." As this was our case, we were required to collect the tax and pay it to the Commonwealth. The collection of this tax was commenced September 4, 1864, and from that date until December 31, 1865, the total collections, amounting to $41,159 05, were paid to the State Treasurer. As we were then advised that the collection of this tax upon tonnage going out of the State into another State, or coming from another State into this, was unconstitutional and illegal, we ceased to pay the State Treasurer after January 1st, 1866, upon such interstate tonnage, retaining the amount in our treasury until the question was determined by the Supreme Court of the United States, against the constitutionality of the tax; after which we refunded, upon their application, to the parties entitled to it, their proportions of the tax so retained.

Of the amount paid into the State Treasury previous to January 1, 1866, it has been ascertained that we had collected upon coal going out of the State during that period the sum of $30,843 26, and upon local freights $10,315 79; total, $41,159 05. As the State could not refund the money to the parties who had paid it, and are entitled to its return, but would only treat with the corporation which paid it into the treasury, we procured a credit upon the books of the State Treasurer, to be absorbed in payment of State taxes for the amount so illegally collected, $30,843 26; our State tax for the year 1876 was $9,038 70. Balance to the credit of the company, $21,804 56.

All the locks and dams are reported as being in good order.

REPORT OF THE CARGO INSPECTOR.

Mr. B. L. Wood, Jr., Cargo Inspector, presented his report for 1876, from which the following figures are taken:

The total number of passengers carried during the year was 51,995. Of these, 10,524 were through passengers, 33,135 way, 5,227 were carried to Davidson's and 3,109 to Geneva.

The total amount of coal and coke shipped during the year was 62,395,000 bushels, of which 8,913,300 were from No. 1, 28,488,300 from No. 2, 11,367,200 from No. 3, and 13,652,200 from No. 4.

The cash receipts from the several locks were as follows: No. 1, $57,593 13; No. 2, $72,816 99; No. 3, $32,376 67; No. 4, $44,327 48; No. 5, $1,153 86; No. 6, $4,246 45; total, $212,514 58.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

From the report of the Treasurer, W. Bakewell, Esq., the following abstract of cash account for the year ending January 10, 1877, is taken:

		DR.
Balance January 7, 1876		$ 54,448 83
B. L. Wood, Jr		1,642 43
Interest		1,775 00
Rent		375 00
Profit and Loss		59 50
Bills receivable		1,500 00
Tolls	$212,514 58	
Less bills uncollected	22,195 52	
		190,319 06
Total		$250,119 92
		Cr.
Expense		$ 32,684 57
Repairs		22,873 13
Dividends paid		100,972 50
Coupons paid		5,700 00
Bonds retired		9,000 00
Tax on capital stock		8,134 83
Taxes		203 00
Interest		92 42
Bills receivable		10,000 00
Trustee account		3,084 32
B. L. Wood, Jr		3,430 68
Balance January 10, 1877		[illegible]
Total		$250,119 92

A. O. U. W.

Thursday's Proceedings of the Seventh Annual Session of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

MORNING SESSION.

The Grand Lodge reassembled at nine o'clock, at Schiller Hall, G. M. W. E. Harvey in the chair.

Roll of officers and representatives called.

The installation of J. T. Davis as G. O. and J. A. McCormick as G. W., by P. G. N. W: M. W. Sackett, was then proceeded with.

The main portion of the morning was taken up in the discussion of the proposed amendments to the Constitution, none of which were adopted.

The Grand Lodge took a recess at 12 M. until 2 o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

G. M. W. called Grand Lodge to order at two o'clock. Roll called.

The afternoon session was not of any special interest to the public.

Erie Pa., was chosen as the place of the meeting of the seventh semi-annual session of the G. L.

Grand Lodge adjourned *sine die* at six o'clock.

The session was one of unusual interest to the members of the A. O. U. W.

A. O. U. W. PERSONALS.

M. STRAUS representated No 55, of Erie. Mr. Straus a merchant of Erie.

P. M. W. JOHN GAY, of Sharon Lodge, No. 13, is a member of Credential Committee.

CHARLES BABST, Representative of Lodge No. 11, of Emlenton, is a druggist of that place.

D. D. G. M. W. HENRY BORK is a member of Humboldt Lodge (German), No. 39, of Allegheny.

P. M. W. W. H. MARTIN, of Bethel Lodge, No. 40, of this city, was present at the Grand Lodge yesterday.

REPRESENTATIVE Klingensmith, of Centennial Lodge No. 100 of Greensburg, is a gentleman of pleasing address.

C. M. HOOTON, the Representative of Pittsburgh Lodge, No. 20, of this city, is Chairman of the Committee on Credentials.

P. M. W., W. W. CHARLES, a well-known artist of this city, was admitted to membership in the Grand Lodge yesterday.

PERIL ON OUR RIVERS.

Words of Warning in Time—What Should be Done to Avert Destruction to Our Shipping.

As the thaw is setting in with great rapidity, threatening destruction to the shipping at both our river fronts, speedy means should be taken to avert a calamity such as recently occurred at St. Louis, and we call particular attention to the annexed suggestions on the subject sent us by an experienced correspondent. He says:

To the Editor of the Pittsburgh Commercial:

In conversation this morning with some of our river men, we find that there is much anxiety expressed by them in regard to the result of a breakup in the Monongahela river, which may occur at almost any time, owing to the ice heading so far south, just as the Kanawha and Sandy river gorges came out, and caused so much damage in the Ohio on Monday last. Now if those who are interested would employ some three or four of our large tow boats and have the ice broken as far down as Lowry's or White's rifle so as to allow the ice, when it breaks in the Monongahela, to have a free passage into the Ohio, it would cost but a small sum, and would relieve the steamers, coal barges and other craft, at our wharves and landings, which would be placed in great danger in case the ice came out and gorged in front of the city or at any point short of the foot of Brunot's Island.

We hope that those interested will take warning by the late disasters at St. Louis and other points, and make immediate preparation to have something done so as to avert such a disaster.

By expending a few thousand dollars they would save many millions which are at the mercy of the ice king. No one having the smallest craft in the river should refuse to contribute in this emergency.

We learn that the Coal Exchange have already made arrangements to have the ice broken in the pools of the Monongahela river. Now, we think the Chamber of Commerce, the insurance companies and the Coal Exchange should take immediate steps to have the above suggestions carried out before it is too late.

AQUAMARINE.

COURT PROCEEDINGS.

United States District Court—Judge Ketcham.

John Murphy, bankrupt, Butler county; on petition of assignee leave was granted to compromise certain disputed accounts.

M. A. Sprost, bankrupt, Allegheny City; on petition of assignee leave was granted to sell certain property at private sale.

N. P. Sawyer, bankrupt, city; order made for the transfer of stocks lately held in trust by bankrupt for the United Savings Bank to John Irwin, Jr., the present trustee.

Jasob Reed, bankrupt, Allegheny city; special reference to Register Shaffer to examine and report upon the sufficiency of specifications for bankrupt's discharge.

Collins Bros., bankrupts, Venango county; on application of assignee, general meeting of creditors called.

J. B. Robinson, bankrupt, Armstrong county; petition for discharge presented, and order made for final hearing before Register Shaffer on the 31st inst.

John J. Shutterly, bankrupt, city; restraining order heretofore granted against Wm King, tax collector, dissolved.

George W. Milford, of Oil City, filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy, which was referred to Register Rogers.

Common Pleas No. 1—Judges Sterrett and Collier.

The Singer Manufacturing Company vs. Shaw & Sautell; action on a note amounting to about $48,000. On trial.

Gordon and wife vs. the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, lessee of the West Penn Railroad, reported yesterday. Peremptory non suit entered.

John McLaren vs. Elizabeth Kerr, executrix, deceased. On trial.

W. M. Wolcott for use vs. Geo. A. Hambleright. Sheriff directed to pay out the balance of purchase money arising from the sale, except as to certain liens.

TRIAL LIST FOR TO-DAY.

Nauman vs. Beilstine; Bussang vs. Nehran; Berger vs. Gainsford; A. V. R. R. Co. vs. R. B. Phillips; Johnston *et al.* vs. Dithridge & Co.; Beck vs. Reed *et al.*; Best, for use, vs. Pfranzinger; Campbell vs. Horn; same vs. Moore; same vs. Donnelly; Weil & Co., for use, vs. Howard Insurance Co.; same vs. Republic Insurance Co.; Waugaman vs. Blyholder; Campbell vs. Erdner; Spencer vs. Kennedy Bros.; Edmundson vs. Penny.

Common Pleas No. 2—Judges Ewing and White.

Rihn & Weller, for use, vs. Benjamin Schmidt; previously reported. Verdict for plaintiff for $156 80.

Julien Adler, Louis Rosenburg and Penrose Fleisher, late partners as Adler, Rosenburg & Co., vs. John Dicker and R. Thompson, late partners as Dicker & Thompson; action on a book account. Verdict for $687 48.

James Stratton vs. Joseph Harley; action for injuries received in a coal mine. Verdict for defendant.

Joseph M. Curry vs. David Riggs and John Shepler; execution creditors of A. Megown, deceased; sci. fa. to revive a judgment; verdict for plaintiff for $2.215 62.

Albert Schmiedel vs. Conrad Freund and wife: action for work and labor done. Declaration amended, defendant pleaded surprise and cause was continued.

Ann Hart, vs. John Rupert; same vs. Peter Young; same vs. Herman Miersch; action of ejectment to determine the boundary line between the properties of plaintiff and defendants, in Hampton township. On trial.

Felix Rodgers, William Crehan and Adam Appel, partners as Rodgers, Crehan & Appel, vs. Allegheny Valley Railroad Company. On trial.

The Court directed a new trial list to be prepared to consist of 200 cases, as follows: First, feigned issues ready for trial at the date; second, causes to be taken from the head of the issue docket. The list is to be taken up for trial on the first Monday of February next, or as soon as No. 6 list is finished.

In the cases against the owner of the 'Tigress No. 2," the jury rendered a verdict for $550 in favor of Harriet A. Tarr, whose son was killed, $230 in favor of Robert Tarr, $150 in favor of Samuel Lawton and $800 in favor of Robert Featters, the three last of whom were injured by the explosion. The total amount recovered in the five cases, including the $3,000 by Harret Tarr for the death of her husband, is $5,000.

Quarter Sessions—Judge Stowe.

Edward Czarnike, indicted for assault and battery, on oath of Philip Henzel, was convicted of simple assault.

John A. Duval pleaded *nolo contendere* to a charge of forgery, preferred by Joseph Hufnagel.

Celia Dugan was acquitted of a charge of receiving stolen goods, preferred by Thos. Maloney.

Lyda Free was convicted of assault and battery, preferred by Elizabeth Watson.

Wm. Anderson is on trial on a charge of larceny and receiving stolen goods.

Orphans' Court—Judge White.

Estate of minor children of James C. Watt, deceased. Hearing on exceptions concluded by John Dalzell for exceptants and S. A. McClung for accountant.

Decrees of distribution were made in the estates of James D. Mahan and Ann Aiken.

Rachel Hall *et al.*, minors. Rule on guardian to show cause why additional security should not be given.

Clean the Sidewalks.

The police yesterday, under instructions notified tenants to clean the sidewalks, and there was a very general response throughout the city. A good suggestion as to clearing of gutters and crossings comes from Wheeling, where they put to the work the city prisoners. The idea is a sound one, and it is to be regretted that the same cannot be done here.

THE TEMPERANCE WORK.

The Noonday Prayer Meeting Yesterday—Meeting Last Evening.

The noonday prayer meeting yesterday was more largely attended than any of the previous meetings. The exercises were characterized with that intense earnestness which has made these midday meetings so successful. During the meeting yesterday a local option resolution was handed to Mr. Murphy to be read, which he did and expressed himself very decidedly in regard to the matter. He stated that he did not want to be bothered with any more such documents, as these meetings were not for political purposes, and he wished the fact understood that these meetings must be kept entirely clear of all political and sectarian controversies.

The meeting last evening at the Methodist Protestant church, Fifth avenue, was very largely attended, the house being completely filled, but not so uncomfortably crowded as it has heretofore been.

Mr. Murphy said that it might be surprising to some that he was here to-night, as he had been announced for two different outside meetings, but as these appointments had become considerably mixed, he had concluded to stay at the "old home."

He had nothing but the kindliest feeling for the Young Men's Christian Association, and he wished it to be understood that the remarks he gave utterance to at the noon meeting yesterday were not intended disparagingly of that organization.

After these preliminary remarks, Mr. Murphy proceeded to address the audience in his eloquent and impassioned manner. Rev. C. W. Smith thought it was too late for him to indorse this movement. He had do so, however, long since. He said that he has had something to do with reforming men, and thought that there was no safe way excepting through Christ. Every man who is trying to get on his feet requires sympathy from humanity, and must have it if he is expected to reach a higher life. This is a grand movement because it proposes to put every man upon the broad platform of total abstinence.

L. E. Bonnet had been a periodical drinker for twenty-five years, and hoped, with the blessing of God, to be able to keep it.

On Sunday evening next the meeting will be held in Library Hall as usual, the admission being 25 cents. Speakers for this meeting will be announced hereafter.

Tickets for the Sunday night meeting can be had at the following places: Hale's music store, Davis & Co.'s book store; McClarren & McKennan's drug stores; Harry McGregor's, 46 Federal street, Allegheny, or from Messrs. Shannon or Burns at the "Old Home."

Auxiliary Meetings Last Night.

A large meeting was held at the Union Methodist Episcopal church, Allegheny, presided over by W. B. Arnold. The pastor, Rev. W. Cox, opened with prayer, and interesting addresses were delivered by Messrs. Cobb, Barnard, I. N. Ross, Durant and Chief Ross. Seventy signatures were were obtained to the pledge.

Another large gathering assembled at the Fifth Avenue Methodist church, led by Mr. Scott. D. I. K. Rine, Mike Laugin, Charles McCartney, James Dunn, David Griffith and John Heslep spoke, after which seventy-four signed the pledge.

The meeting at the Eighth Presbyterian church, was conducted by R. C. Craft, who opened the meeting with reading from the Scriptures, and was followed with prayer by Rev. Donehoo. Remarks were made by Mr. Craft, Rev. Donehoo, Deputy Mayor Martin, Messrs. John Duggan, Carlton, Ecoff, Jones and others. During the meeting twenty-five persons signed the pledge, making a total of five hundred reformed in this locality—Temperanceville.

COLUMBIA OIL COMPANY.

Stockholders' Annual Meeting—Treasurers' Report—Directors Elected.

The stockholders of the Columbia Oil Company held their fifteenth annual meeting yesterday, with Alex. M. Byers presiding and T. J. Craig acting as secretary.

The reports of the Board of Directors, Superintendent and Treasurer were read, accepted and ordered printed.

Following is an abstract of the Treasurer's report, the most interesting of the documents: Production of company for year 127,693 barrels. Present production, 400 barrels per day. The cost of production last year was eighty-seven and a half cents per barrel. The oil was sold at $3 05. The production of the Columbia farm up to January 1, 1877, was 2,128,707 barrels. The amount of dividends paid by the company to date was $3,792 609.

Mr. Shriver offer the following resolution, which was adopted: That the Board of Directors are authorized to acquire additional production and territory by lease or purchase.

A resolution was presented, authorizing the Board of Directors to make provisions for the refining of the product of the company either by building refining capacity or otherwise. This led to quite a lengthy discussion in which several members participated and during which a number of amendments and substitutes were offered. Finally a resolution, offered by Mr. Passavant, was adopted as follows: Resolved, that a committee of five be appointed by this meeting, in connection with the Board of Directors, to consider the propriety of making provision for the refining of the company's oil either by building refining capacity or otherwise, if in their judgment they think that the company's interest will be enhanced thereby, and report to an adjourned meeting of the stockholders to be held on the 25th inst., at eleven o'clock A. M.

The following Directors were chosen: D. A. Stewart, President; Bateman Goe, David Richey, August Hartje, W. A. Shreve, Alexander Pitcairn, David Aiken, Jr.

PUBLIC AMUSEMENTS.

Library Hall.

The weak Bishop variety entertainment will be repeated to night, to-morrow afternoon and to-morrow evening. Not a tear will be shed when it departs.

On Monday evening next, the Boucicault comedy company, one of the best organizations in the country, will appear in Boucicault's latest success, "Forbidden Fruit." The Philadelphia *Press* says of the play:

The story is simple, natural and excessively funny. The situations are worked up in the most artistic manner, and the text is bright and witty. Throughout it shows the handiwork of the skilled writer and playwright. The subject of the plot, which turns on certain peculiar phases of "fast life" in town, is one that requires careful handling to make it acceptable to all. This, however, "Forbidden Fruit" has received. The climaxes are brought about in such a lively and likely manner; the movements and motives of each scene are so probable that all effort to give matters a spicy flavor is conspicuous by its absence. Its moral, moreover, is a good one, although told in a more than usually interesting style. No description, however, could do credit to the infinite variety of point and situation in this superior comedy. Every scene is filled with them, and the last of the three acts is such a constant succession of surprises that they fairly tread on each other's heels. The play, besides its inherent excellence, has another claim in the superiority of its performers. Every one of the cast seems especially suited for his part. The natural result, therefore, is an ensemble that gives the piece as nearly a perfect rendition as is possible. It is rare, indeed, that the general tone of excellence in a company is so remarkable as in this.

Pittsburgh Opera House.

The stormy night kept many people away from the Opera House last evening, no doubt, yet there was a very fair audience as to size, and the auditors all seemed to overflow with enthusiasm. "Kit, the Arkansas Traveler," is deservedly popular, being one of the best dramas of its class ever written. Mr. Chanfrau, and the company as well, act their parts splendidly. The scenery is fresh and beautiful, and all the accessories in perfect keeping. No better or more interesting entertainment has been given here this season.

To night Mr. Chanfrau is to have his benefit, when "Kit" will be repeated. If the audience comports in size with the beneficiary's merits as an actor and a gentleman, there will not be even standing room.

The engagement of the popular American actress, Miss Charlotte Thompson, which commences on Monday evening next, will be signalized by the production of three new plays. The first of these, "Court and Stage," embodying incidents in the life of the celebrated English actress, Nell Gwynn, will be presented on Monday and Tuesday evenings. On Wednesday and Thursday evenings a translation of the French drama entitled "Miss Multon," made especially for Miss Thompson, will be given, with that lady in the titular *role*. On Friday evening, for her benefit, "Only a Woman" will be performed. With such a succession of novelties, all first class, Miss Charlotte's engagement ought to prove in every way successful.

The box sheet is now open, and seats can be secured for any night next week.

Obituary.

James G. Sample, for twenty-five years a resident in Allegheny City, died last night at his residence on the South Side, of paralysis, aged fifty-eight years. The deceased was a railroad engineer, and was for many years on the Cleveland and Pittsburgh road, but at the time of his death was engaged on the Pittsburgh, Virginia and Charleston Railroad. He was a member of the Walton Street M. E. Church, and was highly esteemed by all who knew him. Deceased was an uncle of Mr. Thomas T. Sample, of the Allegheny *Mail*.

Morris to Challenge Sharff.

It now appears from his long silence that Hanlon, the Toronto oarsman, is disinclined to accept Billy Sharff's defi. Eph Morris, however, a foeman worthy of his spruces, has concluded not to allow the challenge to go a-begging. At an early day, he proposes to have a meeting with his old antagonist, to arrange the preliminaries for a race as soon as navigation opens. Those friends of Morris, who have heard this decision of their favorite, are elated, believing he will easily regain his lost laurels.

DREADFUL DEATH.

A Resident of Wilkinsburg Horribly Mangled by a Coal Train.

Wilkinsburg station was the scene of a dreadful fatality last evening—the crushing to death and horrible mutilation of the body of John Hamnett, a resident of that borough. Mr. Hamnett, who is well known in the city, having been engaged in the hide and leather business on Liberty street, took passage on Conductor Routh's train, the 6:05 accommodation, for his home. At 6:35 as the train arrived at his destination he stepped to the north track, instead of to the platform, in order to reach his home the sooner. A coal train, consisting of sixty cars was about passing at the time the accommodation drew up, and just as Hamnett's feet touched the ground some of the rear coal cars which had become detached, struck him, knocking him to the ground, and as they dragged him along, crushed him as they ran. Parts of his body were found strewn all along the track as far as Dallas. Portion of his overcoat was found under the platform at Wilkinsburg. All that was possible of his remains were gathered up to await the action of the Coroner to-day. Those who witnessed the horrible mutilation describe it as a most sickening spectacle.

A HORRIBLE CASUALTY.

A Steel Roller Drawn Through the Rolls and Crushed to Death.

George Caughey, a steel roller employed at the Black Diamond Steel Works, Park Bros. & Co., corner of Thirty-first and Railroad streets, was the victim of a horrible accident yesterday morning, which resulted in his almost instant death. The unfortunate man was engaged in greasing the "necks" of the bar rolls, using a swab made of three-eighths-inch rod, about thirty inches in length, on one end of which was fastened a ball of cotton waste. He was standing on the safe side of the roll, but for some unknown purpose reached over the "coupling boxes" and spindles. He wore a loose but heavy knit blouse, and while in the act of reaching over the blouse was caught by the couplings and spindles, and he was drawn through the space between them. Between the spindles there is a space of six inches, while that between the coupling boxes is but three inches. The head and the body were crushed in passing through, but the features were not as much disfigured as might have been expected. Mr. Caughey lived on Main street, Sixteenth ward, was forty-five years of age, and leaves a wife and six children. He had been in the employ of Messrs. Park, Brothers & Co. for the past eight years, was a man of exemplary conduct, temperate and industrious habits. Coroner Thomas held an inquest on the body, the jury finding a verdict of accidental death.

CITY MATTERS IN BRIEF.

THE iron trade is dull and quiet.

BARTLEY CAMPBELL is home from England.

YESTERDAY was one of the most disagreeable of days.

PITTSBURGH operators have revived oil production in Green county.

A NUMBER of Pittsburgh works are starting up lively after the holiday rest.

COLONEL JAMES ANDERSON, of the Mississippi Jetty Engineer corps, is in the city.

THE new house for engine company No. 7, Independence, will be ready for occupancy next week.

THE hardware and agricultural implement manufacturers of Pittsburgh are very busy on orders.

MR. LORRAINE ROGERS, Miss Charlotte Thompson's business manager, arrived in the city yesterday.

CHRIST HOCH was re-elected Health Officer of Allegheny at the meeting of the Health Committee last night.

WILLIAM THAW, ESQ., arrived from Philadelphia, yesterday, in the Directors' car of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

A DAUGHTER of Alderman Joseph A. Butler is lying dangerously ill at her father's residence, on Wylie avenue.

THIEVES visited the cellar of Simon Roll, on Third street, Allegheny, Tuesday night, and carried away a lot of apples and potatoes.

A HORSE belonging to Mr. Marshall, who lives on the Harmersville road, while running away last night fell and broke one of his legs.

BETWEEN five and six o'clock Wednesday evening a young man stole a roll of flannel from a box in front of Roth's dry goods store, Penn street.

ARRANGEMENTS are being made by the Fourteenth Regiment, N. G. P., to attend the inauguration of the President-elect, should any demonstration take place.

HARRY A. LEONHAUSER, a Pittsburgh High School boy, passed the final examination at West Point last week, acquitting himself in a very creditable manner.

THE inquest on the body of George Frederick, the man killed at Brinton station, on the Pennsylvania Railroad, has been postponed until this evening at seven o'clock.

DAVID BECHNER, aged nineteen, has been held for a hearing before the Mayor, charged with *fornix et cet.*, on oath of Mary Coyle, aged twenty-five, a Second avenue domestic.

CHARLES EDWARDS, of the South Side, was yesterday convicted before Deputy Mayor Hoerr of abusing his wife and disturbing the repose of his neighbors. Twenty-five and costs.

AN exchange remarks: "This is the time to go out wolf hunting. Nothing will give you higher percentage on your time and money than chasing the wolf from your neighbor's door."

THE Board of Viewers were engaged yesterday in taking testimony relative to the benefits and damages arising from the opening of Exchange alley from Seventh street to Barker's alley.

FOUR HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-NINE notary publics were commissioned in 1876, furnishing a revenue to the State of $11,975. How much revenue the notaries derived from their commissions can't be found out.

JOHN MCKERNAN and Bridget, his wife, saloon keepers at 84 East Front street, Cincinnati, have been arrested and committed in default of $5,000, charged with dealing in counterfeit currency. It is claimed that they were confederates of Ogle and Smith.

THE meeting called by Messrs. Moorhead, Hussey, Thaw and others, to provide rooms for the meetings of the Young Men's Temperance Union—stands adjourned until today, Friday, at three o'clock, at the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Francis Murphy will be present.

THE average newsboy has been much moved by the announcement that well-executed counterfeit $1,000 bills are in circulation, but on calmer reflection and the discovery that the lathe work round the figure, also the signatures are much blurred, his mind is relieved, and he makes short change to a stranger as merrily as ever.

TALKING of the question of the Central Board of Education removing to City Hall, the *Chronicle* says: There are suitable apartments vacant on the upper floors, and while there are many good reasons, independent of the economical feature, why the Board should remove there, there is not a single good reason why it should not.

AT two o'clock yesterday afternoon the remains of the late J. S. Dilworth were taken from the Monongahela House to the First Presbyterian Church, where the funeral services were conducted by Rev. Dr. Scovel. These over, the cortege took its way to the Allegheny Cemetery, where the lamented merchant found his last home.

HEALTH OFFICER HOCH, of Allegheny, says the reports of new cases of smallpox in that city are untrue. He says there are only fifteen cases in the city, located as follows: One on Pennsylvania avenue, two on Juniata street, one on Adams street, four in Moul's row, Sawmill alley; three near the Troy Hill car station, and one at No. 61 East street.

MRS. COLLINS and Mrs. Russell, two benevolent ladies, encountered a case of great destitution yesterday, in Strawberry alley. They found a woman and her two children almost on the verge of starvation. Immediate relief was furnished, and subsequently the unfortunate family were provided with quarters in the Central Station, preparatory to being sent to the City Home to-day.

HEALTH OFFICER FORDING, of the South Side, reports three new cases of smallpox this week, a great falling off from that of last week. Two of the cases previously reported have proved fatal, one in the Twenty-sixth ward and one in the Thirtieth ward. The three new cases this week are located in the Twenty-sixth, Twenty-ninth and Thirty-first wards.

THE following accidents occurred on Wednesday to employees on the Pennsylvania Railroad, while coupling cars: Conductor Beckman had his arm crushed by being caught between bumpers and his brakeman lost three fingers. Conductor Beck lost a thumb, Conductor Miller three fingers, Fireman Burns two fingers, and Shifter Muncy, of the Union depot, had a hand crushed.

APPLICANTS for the position of Fire Marshal are busily engaged in gathering together recommendations and preparing to bring pressure to bear to influence the action of the Board of Underwriters. Mr. James B. McFadden, the Secretary of the Board of Underwriters, is discharging the duties of the office in the meantime, the books and records having been removed to his office, second floor of No. 78 Fourth avenue.

WILLIAM MCPHILHAMY, son of J. B. McPhilhamy, living at the corner of James and Second streets, Allegheny, made an information yesterday before Mayor Phillips, charging Edward O'Brien with the larceny of an overcoat, valued at seven dollars, a silver watch worth fifteen dollars, a pair of boots, costing two dollars and seventy-five cents, and two dollars and a half in money, from the premises at an early hour yesterday morning. The accused was held for a hearing.

THE following young ladies received the habit of the Order of Sisters of Mercy at the Convent chapel on Webster avenue, on Tuesday, Rev. D. Kearney officiating: Miss Sarah Burke (Sister Mary de Sales); Miss Henrietta Hartsock (Sister M. Agnes); Miss Catherine McGirr (Sister Mary Camillus); Miss Emma McGirr (Sister Mary Cecelia), and Miss Elizabeth Murta (Sister Mary Scholastica). On the same day, by the same officiating clergyman, the black veil was conferred upon Sister Mary Dorothea (Miss Johanna Kane), who received the vows of her holy profession.

AN INDIAN STORY.

As Told by a Young Lady, Who Alleges that She Was Stolen by the Sioux Nine Years Ago.

Among the arrivals from Chicago yesterday at the Union Depot, in this city, was a young lady, pretty and intelligent, with a remarkable history. She was "tackled" by an interviewer, to whom she imparted this story:

Lizzie Snook is my name, and I was born in Philadelphia on the 3d of June, 1859. My father, Winfield Snook, was a clerk in Davis' dry goods store, corner of Clark and Van Buren streets. In the summer of 1867 my parents, with myself and little brother eight months old, went to Atlantic, Cass county, Iowa, to visit an uncle named Hank, residing on a farm near that place. After we had been there a few weeks my father, uncle and aunt went to Atlantic to buy provisions, leaving us children at home with my mother, who was confined to bed by inflammatory rheumatism. This was on the 12th day of October, 1867. While we, that is my cousin Emma Hawk and myself, were playing and taking care of my little brother, a party of Sioux Indians appeared on horseback and carried us all away. After we had gone about three miles my little brother began to cry, when one of the Indians dashed his brains out and left his body lying in the road. They then hurried on, and after traveling several days we arrived at an Indian village. At first the Indians were very kind to Emma and me, but after we had been with them a year they began to treat us badly. At the time of our capture Emma Hank was nine and I seven years old.

From the time we were stolen until four weeks ago we had never seen the face of a white person. We traveled all over the Indian country, and at the time of my rescue we were living in a village seven miles north of the Black Hills. The Indians compelled us to work at bead work and weaving belts, and we were also forced to assist the squaws, who do all the drudgery. My cousin Emma, a short time ago, married a chief named Powhattan. [This part of the story reminded the interviewer of one John Smith.] They wanted me to marry a chief named Brown, but I refused, and they threatened to kill me. I then determined to escape at the first opportunity. Four weeks ago four gold miners named White, Bockenmyer, Stewart and Clark came near our village and I ran away with them. They brought me to Omaha, and from there I was sent to Rock City, Ill., where I remained two weeks. From there I went to Freeport Ill., and while there the Chief of Police telegraphed to my uncle, B. S. Snook, at Lock Haven, Pa., and received an answer. When we left Philadelphia I had a grandmother, named Mary Hank, living at South Easton.

The girl went on to state that she could read and write, although she had never attended school since she was seven years old. She could read when she was captured, and her cousin taught her to write. The language used by the young lady is as good as that employed by the average girl of seventeen that had enjoyed the advantages of a female seminary. Nevertheless there may be some truth in her story. The railroad people have kindly carried her this far, and she was forwarded over the Pennsylvania road last night free of charge.

The Boggs & Buhl Robbery.

It will be remembered by our readers that in connection with the recent robbery of silks from the store of Messrs. Boggs & Buhl, Allegheny, at the hearing before the Mayor, Ellis was held for trial, and Ferguson, proprietor of the Glass Blowers' Exchange, Fourth avenue, was discharged. Subsequently the Grand Jury found a true bill against both Ellis and Ferguson, but the latter had skipped. The detectives were set to work, and Ferguson was captured in Steubenville. Last evening he was brought to this city, and will be placed to-day in jail for trial.

Free Dispensary.

The following is the report of the operations during December at the Pittsburgh Free Dispensary, No. 265 Penn avenue:

General Department—Number of attendances, 741, number of prescriptions issued, 1,159.

Eye and Ear Department—Number of attendances, 148; number of prescriptions issued, 172.

Total number of attendances for the month, 889; total number of prescriptions issued during the month, 1,331.

H. MECKELBURG, Apothecary.

MARY KELLY has been held for a hearing before the Mayor charged with pilfering six tons of coal from the cars of the Allegheny Valley Railroad Company. It is alleged that her husband is in good circumstances, hence the prosecution.

PAWNBROKERS' CLOTHING AT AUCTION!

Must Be Sold to Pay Advances!

At Emanuel DeRoy's only Loan Office, commencing Saturday, January 13th. Don't forget. 155 Smithfield street. 155. *Gazette* Building. 155.

Stocks and Valuable Property at Auction, at Thomas F. Stewart's sales rooms, corner Fifth avenue and Wood street, Friday evening, the 12th inst., at 7:30 o'clock;

40 shares Masonic Bank.
20 shares Union Insurance Company.
10 shares Ewalt street bridge.
40 shares Citizens' National Bank.

Lot on Western avenue, 50x125 feet, opposite Dr. Hostetter, Mr. Byers and Mr. Morrison; also a lot 227x146 feet, corner Bedford avenue and Kirkpatrick street.

THOS. F. STEWART, Auctioneer.

The Colonnade Hotel,

Philadelphia, Pa., sustained its well-merited reputation, and, if possible, earned greater, with its patrons, during the "Centennial Exhibition."

SPECIAL NOTICES.

Schenck's Pulmonic Syrup, Sea Weed Tonic, and Mandrake Pills.

These deservedly celebrated and popular medicines have effected a revolution in the healing art, and proved the fallacy of several maxims which have for many years obstructed the progress of medical science. The false supposition that "Consumption is incurable" deterred physicians from attempting to find remedies for that disease, and patients afflicted with it reconciled themselves to death without making an effort to escape from a doom which they supposed to be unavoidable. It is now proved, however, that *Consumption can be cured*, and that it *has been* cured in a very great number of cases (some of them apparently desperate ones) by Schenck's Pulmonic Syrup alone; and in other cases by the same medicine in connection with Schenck's Sea Weed Tonic and Mandrake Pills, one or both, according to the requirements of the case.

Dr. Schenck himself, who enjoyed uninterrupted good health for more than forty years, was supposed at one time to be at the very gate of death, his physicians having pronounced his case hopeless, and abandoned him to his fate. He was cured by the aforesaid medicines, and, since his recovery, many thousands similarly affected have used Dr. Schenck's preparations with the same remarkable success.

Full directions accompany each, making it not absolutely necessary to personally see Dr. Schenck unless patients wish their lungs examined, and for this purpose he is professionally at his principal office, corner Sixth and Arch streets, Philadelphia, every Monday, where all letters for advice must be addressed. Schenck's medicines are sold by all druggists. MWF

ADDITIONAL MARKETS.

Live Stock.

CHICAGO, January 11.—Cattle—Receipts 4,000 head. Shipments 2,500 head. Market very dull on account of weather; no sales.

Hogs—Receipts 19,000 head. Shipment 1,580 head. Market dull and buyers holding off; light selling at $6 25@6 30; good to extra heavy shipping $6 85@7 15. Pens full at the close.

Sheep—Receipts 680 head. Market dull and weak; only sales at $3 70@4 40.

Chicago Closing Board.

CHICAGO, January 11.—At the close this afternoon wheat was a shade lower; $1 27⅝@1 28 February; $1 29¾ March. Corn dull and unchanged. Oats ⅛c lower. Pork easier; $18 20 March. Lard easier; 11¼c February; 11.47½c March.

Cotton.

SAVANNAH, January 11.—Middling 13c. Mobile—Market weak; middling 12c. Charleston—Market dull and lower to sell; middling 13c. Galveston—Market quiet; middling 12½c.

ADDITIONAL RIVER DISPATCHES.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

WHEELING, W. VA., January 11, 1877.

Thawing fast all day; snow disappearing rapidly; raining since noon. Advices from the headwaters of the Monongahela state the weather is mild and thawing with indications of rain; no rise in river as yet. The river here rose slightly this afternoon and evening.

CINCINNATI, January 11.—River 14 feet 6 inches and rising 1½ inches per hour. Weather cloudy and mild; light rain falling. Ice still intact and rivermen do not look for any movement to-night.

CAIRO, January 11.—River 12 feet and rising. Drizzling rain all afternoon; mercury 48. The Chester, City of Vicksburg, Alice and Wild Boy went into the Mississippi river for an ice harbor. The ice is heavy in the Ohio and the gorges above and below still hold.

EVANSVILLE, January 11.—Weather cloudy and mild; mercury 43 to 47. River 6 4-10 feet and on a stand. The snow is nearly all melted and the ice covered with water. All safe and well in Green river.

LOUISVILLE, January 11.—Weather cloudy and rainy. It has been thawing for thirty-six hours and the prospects for a break-up in the river are excellent.

LITTLE ROCK, January 11.—Weather warmer and cloudy. Departed—Pine Bluff, below.

MEMPHIS, January 11.—River fell 10 inches. Mercury 58. Arrived—Fannie Tatum, New Orleans. Departed—Ste. Genevieve, Vicksburg.

VICKSBURG, January 11.—Weather warm and threatening. River rose 6 inches. No boats up or down. The James Howard is due.

NEW ORLEANS, January 11.—No arrivals or departures. Weather cloudy and damp. A dispatch to the Red River Transportation Company says sixty feet of Tores bayou was washed away and it is caving fast. Red river is falling in consequence.

Pier, Dannals & Co.,

Brewers, CORNER FORBES & STEVENSON STREETS, PITTSBURGH, offer for sale the

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ABOUT THAT DUEL.

May Severely Wounded and Unhurt—Parties to the Terrific Combat Quietly Steal Away to Prevent Arrest.

NEW YORK, January 11.—A private dispatch was received from Baltimore late last night to the effect that Frederick May had been wounded in the thigh in his duel with Bennett. The injury was so severe it was feared a fatal result might ensue.

BALTIMORE, January 11.—The *American* says although efforts are being made to make it appear that Fred. May (of the May-Bennett duel) was not injured in the duel with Bennett, it is given on the authority of a member of the family that he was wounded. Per contra, a gentleman, probably as intimate with the May family as any man in Baltimore, stated most emphatically and positively this morning that "May did not receive a scratch, and I know it."

The *Gazette* says Dr. Frederick May and Dr. Charles Tilgman, second and surgeon to May, on receipt of the news of the arrest of Dr. Charles Phelps in New York, immediately left the city, their destination being withheld from their most intimate friends.

NEW YORK, January 11.—The *Herald* abandons its reserve, and to-day tells the story of the commitment of Dr. Charles Phelps, who, in response to the subpœna issued by the District Attorney, went before the Grand Jury in relation to certain particulars touching a reported meeting between Mr. Frederick May and Mr. J. G. Bennett, and which it was claimed he was cognizant of.

SAMOA.

The Native Government Desire the Moral Support of the United States—A German Firm Running Things Now.

SAN FRANCISCO, January 11.—C. N. Griffin, United States Consul at Samoa, arrived by the steamer Zealandia, *en route* to Washington. He is commissioned by the native government of Samoa a minister plenipotentiary to negotiate a treaty with the United States, with a view of formal recognition of the native government by this country, and the cultivation of closer commercial and general relations. Griffin accepted the commission, subject to the approval of the State Department. Concerning State affairs in Samoa, he says that the German house of Godeffroy & Co., a member of which firm is German Consul there, have been carrying affairs with a high hand, virtually ignoring the native authority, levying arbitrary fines on the people in satisfaction of minor offenses committed by the natives against the German residents, the charges in many instances having been trumped up, enforcing payment, backed by a German war vessel, and generally pursuing an oppressive and tyrannical course which has influenced the native government to seek the moral support of the United States. Mr. Griffin leaves for Washington in a few days.

CENTRAL AMERICA.

Revolutionists Win a Battle in Ecuador—The President Takes Refuge in the Colombian Legation—An End of the War.

PANAMA, January 2.—News has been received here of a bloody battle fought at Galte, Ecuador, on the 14th ult., between the Constitutional army, 2,500 strong, under General Aparicio, and the Revolutionary forces under Generals Urbina and Veintermilla, which lasted about three hours, and ended in the compete route of the former and the capture of their Commander-in-Chief, General Aparicio. It was a hard fought encounter, and both sides behaved bravely, losing together about 400 killed and a much larger number wounded. When the news of the disaster reached Quito, President Borrero left the place and took refuge, it is said, at the Colombian legation, while the citizens pronounced in favor of the revolutionists. The revolutionary forces would probably enter Quito on the 25th ult., which event, it was expected, would put an end to the war in that republic.

STATE NEWS.

Reading's city hall is described as "filthy and unsafe."

The health officer of Erie reports 347 deaths during the past year.

Reading owes her policemen six months' salary, or over $300 each.

The Greenville *Advance* has been enlarged to a nine-column paper.

Thomas H. Logan was frozen to death near Gettysburg, a few days ago.

Three of the Philadelphia street railways carried 19,075,672 passengers during 1876.

A new M. E. church will be dedicated at Spartansburg, Crawford county, on the 18th inst.

There were only fifty-five deaths in Washington during 1876, and 1,495 since July 1, 1850.

The grading of Sandy Run branch of the Broad Top Railroad will be completed in February.

During 1876 there were 1,118 deaths in Reading. The marriages during the last six months of the year numbered 146.

A Reading thief, on Friday night, stole a tombstone. If he can steal a coffin and a rope he will probably die contented.

The Williamsport sawmills cut 180,000,000 feet of lumber last year, or from 37,000,000 to 40,000,000 less than the preceding one.

The East Brady *Independent* died from lack of support, and Colonel Sam Young, its editor, has taken charge of the Emlenton *News*.

The Baldwin Locomotive Works, of Philadelphia, are working 1,869 men, and are engaged chiefly upon Cuban and South American orders.

Miss Lutz, aged eighteenth, fell dead in the street in Hyde Park, Luzerne county, on the night of the 3d inst. Heart disease was the cause.

During 1876, the police of Philadelphia made 44,919 arrests, against 34,563 in 1875. Of the whole number, 24,501 were arrested for drunkenness.

The Shenango and Allegheny Railroad Company has declared a dividend of ten per cent. upon its stock from surplus earnings for the past year.

DIED:

STARK—On Tuesday evening, January 9, at 8½ o'clock, Mrs. CATHARINE STARK, widow of Ferdinand Stark and mother of Julius F. Stark, in the seventy-ninth year of her age.

Funeral will take place from her late residence, No. 6 Federal street, Pittsburgh, on FRIDAY, at 2 o'clock P. M.

ROUP—On Monday, January 8, 1877, at 9:40 A. M., at Mount Hope, Baltimore, Md., Miss MARY ROUP, aged eighty-four years.

Funeral on FRIDAY AFTERNOON, at 2½ o'clock, from the residence of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Kitty Roup, Roup's Station, Pennsylvania Railroad.

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LEGAL.

DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA. In bankruptcy. This is to give notice that on the 10th day of January, A. D. 1877, a warrant in bankruptcy was issued against the estate of WILLIAM LADLEY, of Allegheny City, in the county of Allegheny and State of Pennsylvania, who has been adjudged a bankrupt upon his own petition; that the payment of any debts and delivery of any property belonging to such bankrupt to him or for his use, and the transfer of any property by him are forbidden by law; that a meeting of the creditors of said bankrupt, to prove their debts and to choose one or more assignees of his estate, will be held at a Court of Bankruptcy, to be holden at No. 12 Church avenue, Allegheny City, Pa., before NOAH W. SHAFFER, Esq., Register, on the 1ST DAY OF FEBRUARY, A. D. 1877, at 3 o'clock P. M.

JOHN HALL,
U. S. Marshal as Messenger.

Pittsburgh, January 10, 1877.

WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA, S.S. In the matter of LEWIS STAIB, SAMUEL REA and MARY RODGERS, Bankrupts.

Notice is hereby given that a second general meeting of the creditors of said bankrupts will be held at Pittsburgh, in said District, on the 23D DAY OF JANUARY, A. D. 1877, at 10 o'clock A. M., at the office of SAMUEL HARPER, Esq., one of the Registers in Bankruptcy in said District, for the purposes named in the 27th and 28th sections of the Bankrupt Act of March 2, 1867.

A. PATTERSON,
J. B. FINLEY,
Assignees.

ESTATE OF MRS. DEBORAH HAUGHEY, DECEASED.—Letters of administration upon the estate of Mrs. D. Haughey, late of Wadesville, Clark county, Va., having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims against the same will present them to ROBERT R. LYTLE, Administrator, No. 15 Robert street, Eleventh ward.

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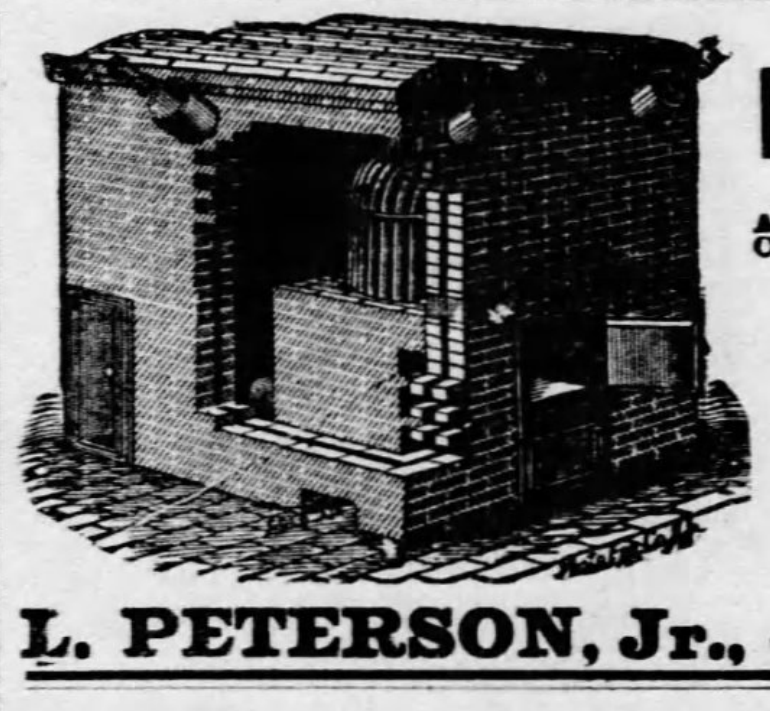

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We have just received a very fine lot of the latest styles and newest fabrics at extraordinary low prices. Full sized Chinchilla, Beaver and Basket Cloth Cloaks, $2 50, $3, $3 50, $4 50, $5 50, $6 50, $7 50, $8 50, $10 50, $12 50.

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In Ladies and Children's Furs we are offering some real bargains. Call and see them. Ermine Sets, Alaska Sets, Lynx Sets, Seal Skin Sets and Mink Sets, from $6 00 to $30 00 a set. Boa or Muff sold separate.

Broche Shawls.

We have just opened, and are now offering, the very best value in Single and Double Paisley and French Broche Shawls, from $6 to $25. These are special prices and real bargains.

Black Silks.

We invite your careful attention to this department. We guarantee to give you the very best makes at the very lowest New York holiday prices.

Black Cashmeres.

We have a full line of these goods at prices lower than ever sold before this season, full widths, 40c, 50c, 60c, 75c, 87 1-2c, $1, $1 12 1-2 and $1 25; real bargains.

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10c, 12 1-2c, 15c, 20c, 25c, in Plaids, Brocades and Plain Colors, in all the new shades.

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AMUSEMENTS.

PITTSBURGH OPERA HOUSE.
J. NEWTON GOTTHOLD .... Manager.

FRIDAY EVENING, January 12, 1877,
BENEFIT OF
F. S. CHANFRAU,
when he will appear in his great character of
Kit, the Arkansas Traveler.
SATURDAY—KIT MATINEE.
SATURDAY NIGHT, last representation of KIT.
MONDAY, January 15, 1877, CHARLOTTE THOMPSON in the historical drama, COURT AND STAGE. Box Sheet now open.

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Engagement for SIX NIGHTS and SATURDAY MATINEE, commencing MONDAY EVENING, January 8, 1877, of
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In their Refined Society Comedy Extravaganza, entitled,
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MERRY BISHOP MATINEE SATURDAY.
MONDAY, January 15, BOUCICAULT COMEDY COMPANY in FORBIDDEN FRUIT.

EXHIBITIONS.

POULTRY and DOG EXHIBITION.

The Western Penna. Poultry Society
Will hold their Sixth Annual Exhibition at
CITY HALL, MARKET STREET,
on the 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 15th, 16th, 17th of January, 1877. Dog Exhibition to commence on the 15th. The exhibition will be the largest and most attractive ever held in the State, and, besides the large collection of Poultry and Dogs, will include a fine show of Pigeons, Birds, Rabbits, Monkeys, Pet Animals, &c. Upward of $2,000 in premiums are offered, which will attract exhibitors from all parts of the United States. Premium list can be had by applying to A. H. LANE, Secretary, corner Sixth and Liberty streets, or EDWARD GREGG, President, 52 Wood street.

AUCTION SALES.

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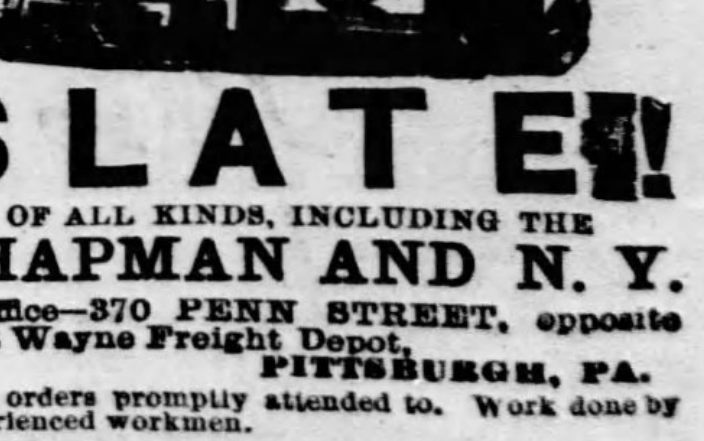

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